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Hilary, eleventh of William the Third.

Lane against Decyburgh.

At Guildhall, before Treby.

TRESPASS, Assault, Battery and Sentence of a
Maihem, in cutting off the Plain- Court Mar-
tiff's Arm. The Defendant ju- tial, in a
stified that he was a Major of a Matter with-
Regiment of Horse in *Flanders*, and the in their Juris-
Plaintiff was a Trooper under his Com- diction, is
mand: That whilst the Regiment was in conclusive to
Duty, marching against the Enemy, the the Party.
Plaintiff misbehaved himself, and acted con-
trary to the Duty of his Place, for which
he corrected him according to Martial Law,
prout ei bene licuit. Repl' de injur' sua
propria absq' tali Causa; and on Trial the
Defendant gave in Evidence that after the
Beating, &c. the Plaintiff complained to
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the Colonel, and on an Hearing before the Council of War the Plaintiff's Petition was dismissed, and he ordered to beg the Defendant's Pardon at the Head of the Regiment, which he accordingly did, and the original Judgment itself was produced and read and the *Chief Justice* ruled that this was conclusive Evidence, for here was a Sentence by a Court Martial, which is a Court taken Notice of by our Law; that Martial Law was a reasonable Law, and absolutely necessary, *flagrante bello*, and that if such quick Proceedings should not be allowed in such Cases, an Army might be destroyed by Mutiny. The Plaintiff being poor the Defendant consented to draw a Juror.

The same Term.

Griffith against Pope.

At Guildhall, before Treby 15th February,
1698.

The keeping
a Bill three
Years is an
accepting it
for Payment.

GRIFFITH sold to Pope Glasses for twenty-five Pounds, for which Pope gave him a Bill, drawn by himself on one Samuel Lobs for the same Sum, and Griffith gave him a Receipt for the Bill; Lobs accepted the Bill, but afterwards proved insolvent

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solvent and never paid; and three Years after, and not before, the Plaintiff acquainted the Defendant with it, and then brought an *Indebit. Ass.* for the Value of the Glasses.

The Defendant on *Non Ass.* gave the Delivery of this Bill in Evidence; and the Chief Justice directed the Jury, that if this Bill was accepted for Payment, then it was a Good Payment, unless refused, and the Bill returned, and Notice given to the Drawer in a reasonable Time: He said the Plaintiff's keeping the Bill so long was Evidence of his accepting it as Payment; and accordingly the Jury found for the Defendant.

Easter, the eleventh of *William* the Third, B. R.

The Bank of England *against* Newman.

ASSUMPSIT for sixty Pounds, Money lent; on *Non Ass.* the Defendant gave in Evidence, That one *John Bellamy* a Goldsmith, gave him a Note for sixty Pounds payable to him or Bearer, at a Day then to come; about a Week before which Day the Defendant, having Occasion for Money, went and discounted it with the Bank

If I deliver a Bill to A. for ready Money, without indorsing it, 'tis a Sale of it.

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Bank at the usual Rate of Interest, and never indorsed the Bill. *Bellamy* broke about two Months after, having never paid the Money, and the Bank now brought this Action for the Money, and found for the Plaintiff; but a new Trial granted as being a Verdict against Law, *Holt*, Chief Justice, affirming that whatever might be the Practice amongst Bankers, yet the Law is, that if a Note or Bill be payable to me or Bearer, and I negotiate and deliver this for ready Money paid down to me for the same, and not for Money antecedently due, or for Money lent on the Bill; this is a Selling of the Bill like the Selling of Tallies, &c. so that if there be an Indorsement thereon, then the Indorsee may have Remedy, provided he demanded the Money within a convenient Time.

The same Term.

West against Pasmore.

At Exon, before Turton.

One is Tenant in Common for Years, with another who has the Inheritance, if the

TROVER for several Trees; on Not Guilty, the Case was this: The Plaintiff was Tenant in Fee of one Fourth of a Manor, and the Defendant was Tenant in Common

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Common with him of three Parts of the Manor, for a Term of three thousand Years, without Impeachment of Waste. The Plaintiff cut down several Trees, and the Defendant carried them away, pretending that amongst Tenants in common *Capiat qui capere potest*; for which Trees the Plaintiff brought this Action and recovered, because though the Defendant being dispunishable of Waste, might have cut down what Trees he would; yet the Trees being an inheritable Property, and he having no Interest in the Inheritance cannot take the Trees when fallen by him who has the Inheritance.

Party who has the Inheritance falls Wood, the other cannot carry it away, though he has a Power to fall.

The same Term.

Thorp against Fry.

At Salisbury, before Blencow.

TRESPASS for Mesne Profits accruing since an Ejectment brought. The Plaintiff gave in Evidence the Copy of a Recovery in Ejectment on his Demise, which the Court allowed to be conclusive Evidence of his Title, and estopped the Defendant from controverting it. Then *Prat* and *Keen*, for the Defendant insisted, that this Action of Trespass not being brought by the

A Recovery in Ejectment is conclusive Evidence both for Lessor and Lessee, in an Action for the Mesne Profits.

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the Lessee or Plaintiff in Ejectment, but by the Lessor, therefore to support it the Plaintiff ought to prove an actual Entry, and that the Delivery of a Declaration in Ejectment, and the Entry into the common Rule, was not sufficient; but the Court held that by the Entry into the Rule the Defendant was estopped, both as to the Lessor and Lessee; so that either of them might maintain Trespass for the Mesne Profits, without proving an actual Entry. But it was agreed that there is only Judgment against the casual Ejector, and so no Entry into any Rule, there the Lessor shall not maintain Trespass without an actual Entry, as was the Case of *Northmore and Bawler* at *Exon Assizes*.

But where the Judgment is against the casual Ejector, an actual Entry must be proved.

Hilary, eleventh of William the Third.

Presly against Dawkins.

Officer not liable for executing Process where there is a Jurisdiction.

TROVER, The Case was, the Plaintiff was Collector of the Window Tax, and for a Neglect in his Duty was fined ten Pounds, and the Defendant being a Constable, by Warrant from the Commissioners, distrein'd for the ten Pounds, and for the Goods Trover was brought, and on the Trial *Darnal* objected that though the Com-

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Commissioners had Power to assess a Fine on the Collectors for several Neglects of Duty, yet not for this particular Neglect; and so what the Commissioners had done was *Coram non Judice*. But the Court held that seeing the Commissioners had a Jurisdiction to fine the Collectors in some Cases, therefore the Constable was not chargeable, though the Fine was for a Point wherein they had no Jurisdiction. Then the Plaintiff urged, that by the Act the Overplus of the Distress after Sale was to be returned to him, which not being done, the Action lay for that. But the Court held that for the Over-Trover not plus Trover did not lie, but Case for so maintainable for the Over-much Money received to his Use, as had plus of a Distress. been heretofore ruled by *Holt* in a Case at *Dorchester*. Then some further Doubts arising, a Juror was withdrawn by Consent of both Parties.

Syms against Cook.

At Winton, July 1700. before J. Powel.

CASE, for that the Plaintiff was Copy- holder of the Manor of *Merdon*, and had thereby Common in the Common of *Anville* to cut Furze and other Wood for Necessaries, and that the Defendant such a One Commoner may have an Action against another for a Surcharge, but cannot Day distrain.

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Day and Time cut down so many Load of Furze, *per quod* the Plaintiff *Communiam suam in tam amplo & beneficiali modo habere non potuit* as he ought to have. On Not Guilty the Plaintiff was nonsuit, because he could not prove the Defendant cut the Furze; but on the opening of the Cause the Counsel on both Sides agreed this to be the Case. The Plaintiff and Defendant were both Commoners in the same Common, and the Defendant surcharged by cutting too much Furze; and the Question was whether an Action lay for this by one Commoner against another; and if it did lie, whether maintainable on this general Declaration? and the Judge held that this Action did lie; for in a late Case in *C. B.* where one Commoner distrain'd another for Surcharge, and Replevin was brought, after several Arguments it was held that he could not distrain, but allowed by all that he might bring an Action on the Case; and the Judge further held that the general Declaration was sufficient.

Prideaux against Morrice.

At Dorchester, before Mr. Justice Powel.

The Recital
of an Order
of the House
of Commons
is no Evi-
dence.

CASE for a false Return of a Member of Parliament; the Defendant endeavoured to shew Bribery after the Vacancy,
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and to prove the Vacancy on the 2d of *January* 1698, produced a Copy of the Speaker's Order dated the 12th of *January* 1698, to the Clerk of the Crown for issuing a new Writ, wherein he recited an Order of the House of Commons made the 2d *January*; and ruled that the Order itself should be shewn, because it may be the Speaker mistook in the Recital of it, like the common Case of a recited Record, which is not proved but by producing the Original.

Harris against Kelly.

At the same Place.

TROVER of an Ewe and Lamb *ut* *de bonis suis propriis*; the Fact on Evidence was this: The Plaintiff was Lord of the Hundred of *Lifton*, and had all Estrais therein; the Defendant was Lord of the Manor of *Kelly*, which was a Manor within the Hundred of *Lifton*, and claimed all Estrais within the Manor, but had really no Right. The Plaintiff seized the Ewe and Lamb within the Manor of *Kelly* as an Estray, two Days after the Seisure whereof the Defendant took away the same, pretending that they were his Estrays; for which, before the Day and Year expired, the Lord brought this Action; and it ap-
Quere, Whether Trover will lie by the Lord for an Estray before the Year and Day be passed.
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pearing on the Trial that the Defendant had no Title, the Question was whether in this Case the Plaintiff had a sufficient Property to maintain Trover, which the Defendant said he had not, there being two Sorts of Right, *jus Possessionis*, for which Trespass lies, and *jus Proprietatis* for which Trover lies; that in Trespass Possession is sufficient against all but the right Owner, but in Trover a Property must be proved.

On the other Side it was urged, That though Trover be an Action of Property, yet to maintain the Action it is not necessary to prove a direct and absolute Property, any special sort of Property being sufficient; as a Man who has Goods for a Pledge, or a Sheriff or Carrier may bring Trover; and a Case was cited to be determined by this Judge in the midland Circuit, where an House was blown down, a Stranger took away the Timber, and Lessee for Life, of the House, maintained Trover against him for the same, though the general Property of the Timber was in the Reversioner, because the Tenant for Life had a special Property therein to make use of the same, if he would rebuild the House again; which the Judge owned to have been so held by him. And in Sir *William Courtney's* Case in *C. B.* he was of Opinion that a Lord who seizes Wreck may, before the Year

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and Day expired, maintain Trover against a wrong doer, because he has more than a bare Possession, *viz.* a Possession that may turn into a Property; but however this Case having never been adjudged, he proposed to the Defendant either to make a Case of it, or have a special Verdict; but the Action being only to try the Right, the Defendant submitted to a general Verdict for one Penny Damages.

Mich. fourth of Anne, B. R.

The Queen against Shipley.

A Conviction for keeping a Still, and distilling low Wines was quashed, because the same Person was both Informer and Witness, and the Informer intitled to Part of the Penalty. *Easter 12 Anne*, the Queen against *Cobbold*, held so likewise.

Informers no
Witness
where intitled
to Part of the
Penalty.

Twelfth of William the Third.

Hussy against Phidal.

A. Became Bankrupt, and after sold Goods to the Defendant, and for the Money the Plaintiff sues as Assignee. On Error it was objected that the Sale was void,

If a Bankrupt
sells Goods,
the Assignee
may bring
Trover, or af-
firm Sale.

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and so no Debt assignable. But by *Holt*, the Commissioners might either assign the Goods, and then Trover would lie, or affirm the Sale, as they have done in this Case; and a Recovery in this Action will be a good Bar to any Action of Trover for the Goods.

Hilary, 12 William the Third.

Moor against Gifford.

If the Ship comes to a Delivery Port, Wages are due, though she was not there delivered, but goes out to Sea again and is lost.

ACTION upon the Case, by a Seaman for Wages, and tried in *London* before the Chief Justice, and Verdict for the Plaintiff. The Fact was this: The Ship in which the Plaintiff served was an Interloper, and went from *England* to a Port in the *East Indies*, and there unloaded the Cargo and took in a new Loading for *England*, and in the way home the Ship was taken by the *French*; but before the Ship went out of *England* the Plaintiff and every other Seaman gave a Bond, that if the Ship did not come back again to *England* they would demand no Wages, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary; and the Chief Justice ruled on the Trial, That Freight is the Mother of Wages, so that Seamen are not intitled to any Wages till they

they come to a Delivery Port. So if in this Case the Ship had been cast away before she came to the *Indies*, no Wages would be due; but at the first Delivery Port Wages are due by the Law; and the Bond given here to the contrary was unreasonable and against the Provision made by the Law; or at least he would not suffer it to be made use of in this Action to oust the Plaintiffs of their just Demands; but if he thought fit, he might bring an Action on the Bond. And the whole Court, on Motion by Serjeant *Munday* for a new Trial, were of the same Opinion, and refused to let the Defendants have a new Trial.

*Hilary, third of Anne.**Layton against Grindal.*

Trover will
lie for all the
Goods in an
House.

IT was held that Trover would lie for all the Goods belonging to such an House, because the Reference to the House had made it reducible to a Certainty.

*Hilary, second of William and Mary,
B. R.*

Elliot against Danby.

Assignee of
Bankrupt can
grant nothing
before Inroll-
ment.

THE Commissioners of Bankrupt assign a Term, and the Assignee before Inrollment makes a Lease; and held clearly that though the Deed was afterwards inrolled, yet the Lessee could not maintain an Ejectment, because the Assignee could not lease till Inrollment; the Statute running, That the Commissioners may sell by Deed inrolled; so that without Inrollment there is no Sale.



Mich.

Mich. fifth of William and Mary.

Midgely against Lovelace.

THE Case was, There was an Assignee of a Reversion, and an Assignee of a Term. The Assignee of the Reversion granted it over, and then brought Covenant against the Assignee of the Term for Rent incurred before the second Grant; and on Demurrer to the Declaration the Question was, If the Action lay?

The Assignee of a Reversion, who grants over, may maintain Debt, but cannot distrain for Arrears in his own Time.

Holt, Chief Justice: At Common Law the Assignee of the Reversion, after he had granted it over, might have Debt for the Rent, though he could not distrain or bring Waste, because his Power over the Land was determined. If a Man indeed, who is seised of a Rent in Fee, grants it over, there he has no Remedy for the Arrears, because Distress, which was his only Remedy, is lost by the Assignment; but where Rent is reserved on a Lease for Years it is otherwise; because Debt will lie upon the Contract, and there the Assignee shall have it as a Fruit fallen from the Reversion. Judgment for Plaintiff.

Easter,

Easter, twelfth of William the Third.

Rofier against Sawkins.

The Master
of a Ship may
turn out any
of the Owner's
Servants.

TRESPASS for beating his Servant and thrusting him out of the *Gravefend Boat*. The Defendant pleads that the Plaintiff and three others were Part-Owners of the Boat, and appointed him to be Master; and that he found the said Servant in the Boat doing Damage. The Plaintiff replied, That he being one of the Owners commanded his Servant to work in the said Tilt-Boat, and gave Notice to the Defendant, and ordered him to permit him in that Service; and on Demurrer Judgment was given for the Defendant, because when a Man is made generally Master of a Boat or Ship, he hath thereby the intire Conduct thereof; so that the Part-Owners have nothing to do therewith; and he may exclude any Person that shall offer to come into the Boat without his Licence. The Part-Owners may revoke his Power, but till that be done the Master may put in what Man he pleases, and the Owners cannot force any Man upon him, for he is in some Sort responsible for them.

Fourth of *William and Mary.*

Williams against Harrifon.

ASSUMPSIT on the Custom of Merchants against Defendant, as Acceptor of a Bill of Exchange. The Defendant pleaded Infancy; to which the Plaintiff demurred, alledging, That where Contracts are established by Custom, as in the binding one's self Apprentice, Infants shall be bound as well as others.

The Custom of Merchants will not hold an Infant to his Acceptance of a Bill of Exchange.

But *by the Court*: Here the Infant is not bound; the Case of an Apprentice depends on Custom, but the Law of Merchants is Part of the Common Law; wherefore Judgment for Defendant.

Mich. eleventh of Anne, B. R.

Nixon against Bromham.

THE Defendant having a Note of Sir *Stephen Evans*, payable to him or Bearer on Demand, delivered it to a known Servant of his to receive the Money at Sir *Stephen's*, and then carry it to the Bank and turn it into Exchequer Notes. The Servant instead of going to Sir *Stephen* went to

If a Servant transacts Business in the common Method, it shall bind the Master, though contrary to his private Instructions.

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to the Plaintiff on *Saturday* Morning, who gave him Money for the Note, with which he purchased an Exchequer Note, and delivered it to the Defendant. On *Monday* Morning Sir *Stephen* stopt Payment; and now the Question was whose Loss it was? and the Jury laid it upon the Defendant as taking the Note of Sir *Stephen Evans* to be only a Deposit.

It was moved for a new Trial, but denied, for that there would be no transacting Business if private Instructions between the Master and Servant were to be of any avail. The Plaintiff gave him Money for the Convenience of the other, and the Nature of these Dealings is to take the Note, only *de bene esse*. The Master has put himself into his Servant's Power by this Delivery of the Note into his Hands, and must stand or fall by what he does.

Trinity, twelfth of *Anne*, B. R.

Smallwood against Rolfe.

Note within
the Statute,
though with-
out the Word
Order.

IT was ruled by the Court in this Cause, that a Note to pay to *A.* for Value received, is within the Statute, though without the Word *Order*.

Hil.

Hilary, first of George, B. R.

Reason *against* Ewbank.

THE Question was, What Evidence is sufficient to deprive the Defendant of the Benefit of the Testimony of Persons named in the *Simul cum* in Trespass; and upon Consultation with all the Judges, it was resolved that the Plaintiff must prove them Guilty and Parties to the Suit, and the latter must be shewn by producing the Original or Process against them, and proving an ineffectual Endeavour to arrest them, or that the Process was lost.

What Evidence takes away the Testimony of those included in the *Simul cum*.

The same Term.

Mortly *against* Day.

A. WAS indebted to B. on Bond and Note, and paid Money generally; and it was held by the Court that B. may apply it to discharge which he pleases.

He that receives Money may apply the Payment.

The

The same Term.

Anonymus.

At Nisi Prius.

Note cannot
be given as an
Escrow.

IT was held that a Promissory Note cannot have such a Condition annexed to it, as will make it like a Bond an Escrow; for that the Delivery here is not essential, as in the Case of a Bond.

The same Term.

At Nisi Prius.

If Apprentice
goes to Sea,
the Master
shall have
Prize Money
as well as
Wages.

AN Apprentice went to Sea, and the Master recovered his Wages, and also Prize Money and short Allowance Money, though it was insisted the Prize Money belonged to the Apprentice as a Reward for the Hazard of his Life, and the short Allowance Money, because he was deprived of his necessary Provision.

Easter, first of George, B. R.

Temple against Wells.

Where an
Action lies
immediately
against the
Stakeholder.

IT was held by the Court, on a Wager concerning a Thing past or certain, an Action

Action will lie against the Stakeholder, for one Party must be in the right, and has a Title to the Money immediately; otherwise if it be referred to the Determination of J. S. for then no Action lies 'till he has determined.

Trinity, the first of George.

Thomas against Whip.

At Nisi Prius, before Lord Chief Justice Parker.

THE Defendant was Nurse to the Infantate, and when he died went off with the Money he had about him, and though this was a wrongful taking, yet the Chief Justice held, an Action would lie for Money had and received to the Plaintiff's Use; for he would presume a subsequent Agreement to make a Contract of it.

Action lies for Money stolen.

Mich. second of George, B. R.

Sir H. St. John against Titchburne.

IN Debt for Rent the *Reddendum* was laid generally; and upon *Oyer* it appeared to be made payable at a particular Place, and held well enough, for the Deed is not inconsistent with the Description, but only contains something farther.

Declaration on a general *Reddendum*, where the Deed is particular, well enough.

The

The same Term.

The City of London *against* —

Old Survey
allowed as
Evidence of a
Toll.

AN Issue was directed to try the Right of a Toll of two Pence for every loaden Country Cart passing through any of the Bars of the City, claimed by the Corporation of *London*. And in order to prove the *Quantum* of the Toll, and the Particulars for which it was to be paid, the Plaintiffs offered in Evidence an Act of Common Council made in 1611, ordering an Account of all the Tolls and Duties due to the City to be brought into the Chamberlain's Office yearly, and an Account given in the next Year, pursuant thereto, by the Collector at *Bishopsgate*, wherein the Toll was returned in the Manner it was now claimed, and an Account of the Produce of it.

This was opposed by the Defendants, because it was to make out the Plaintiff's Demand by their own Act; but the Chief Justice allowed them to be read, and he said the Act of Common Council was only introductory to the other, and to explain the Occasion of its being made, and that the

the Account was an Evidence of the same Nature as an old Rental given in by the Bailiff of the Manor, which had always been allowed as corroborating Evidence; for that the apparent Antiquity of it excluded any Supposition of Forgery, and its being made by a Person to charge himself excluded the Presumption of Fraud.

No Freeman of the City was suffered to be examined for the Plaintiff, nor any Farmer near *London* who used the Markets, because both interested in the Event.

Party who
may be in-
terested no
Witness.

In C. B. first of George.

Bosely against Sherman.

BY a Private Act of Parliament for erect-
ing a Workhouse in *Norwich*, Power
is given to two Justices to make a Rate
upon the Inhabitants, to be levied by Dis-
tress and Sale. The Justices make a War-
rant to levy by such a Day; the Officer dis-
trained the Plaintiff's Goods after the Day,
who brings Trespass; and on the Trial a
Case was made, whereon the Sole Question
was, Whether the Warrant having re-
strained the Officer to a certain Time (the

Where an In-
ferior Juris-
diction limits
a Time to an
indefinite Act,
it may be
done at any
Time not-
withstanding.

Act of Parliament having no such Restriction) he could execute the Power after that Time expired; and Lord Chief Justice *Eyre* who tried the Cause, and had put the Case to *Pratt*, was of Opinion with the Plaintiff; but upon the Defendant's Importunity referred it to the Judges of *C. B.* who after three several Arguments gave Judgment for the Defendant; looking on the Restriction in the Warrant as idle and unnecessary; and the Officers well justified under the Act of Parliament, which had not limited the Distress to any Time, and ought to have been pursued in the Warrant.

The King *against* The Alderman, Deputy, and Common Council of the Ward of Farringdon Without.

In 12 W. 3.
to the same
Purpose.

BY the 13 & 14 Car. 2. c. 12. a Corporation for Maintenance of the Poor was erected in *London*, consisting of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and fifty-two Citizens who were to certify to the Common Council the Sum necessary, and they to proportion the same on the several Wards; and thereupon the Aldermen, Deputy Aldermen, and Common Councilmen of each Ward were to Tax the Inhabitants

according to their Proportions ; pursuant to this Act a Certificate was made, that five thousand Pounds was necessary, and the Common Council proportioned the Sum, and then made an Act of Common Council, That the several Wards should, on or before the 15th of *December* then next, assess on their respective Inhabitants their several Proportions ; all the Wards complied with this except the Ward of *Farringdon Without*, who pretended that the 15th Day of *December* was past, so that now they had no Authority to make the Assessment, and to a *Mandamus* returned this for Cause ; and on Argument the Court were of Opinion, that the Common Council had exceeded their Authority in appointing a Time by which the Assessment should be made, or at least that it was only directory, and that they had well executed their Power as to what was appointed by the Act ; and that this Ward ought to make the Assessment, and so granted a peremptory *Mandamus*.

*Hilary, third of George, B. R.**Long against Leech.*

What is local Evidence.

UPON the Common Affidavit to change the *Venue* from *London* to *Cambridgeshire*, the Plaintiff undertook upon continuing the Cause in *London* to give material Evidence there. The Fact as it appeared upon the Trial was, the Plaintiff was a Vintner in *London*, and used to go down every Year and sell Wine at *Stourbridge Fair*, where the Defendant kept a Publick House: Against the Fair Time the Defendant writes to the Plaintiff, that if he thought it worth his while to bring down five Dozen of such a particular Sort of Wine he might be his Chap for it: The Plaintiff brought down the Wine, and the Defendant tasted and agreed for the Price, and had it delivered to him. The Plaintiff insisted that the Receipt of this Letter in *London* makes it an Order there, and the Delivery at *Cambridge* was only in Pursuance of the former Agreement.

But it was said *by the Court*: Suppose the Defendant had disliked the Wine, surely the Plaintiff could have had no Action, for the Letter was but an Intimation, and no positive

positive Direction: The Letter without the Contract would have signified nothing; but the Contract at *Cambridge* was compleat without the Letter.

Hilary, the third of George.

Andrews against Franklyn.

A Promissory Note to pay two Months after such a Ship is paid off, is a Note negotiable and within the Statute; for this is a Thing of a Publick Nature; but the Court said it would not be good in a Bill of Exchange.

Promissory Note to pay Money when such a Ship arrives, is negotiable.

The same Term.

Pearson against Parkins.

IT was said by the Court, That a Release *Plea puis dar-* *rein Continu-* *ance* may be pleaded after the Jury are gone from the Bar, but not after they have given their Verdict.

not after verdict.

Hilary, the third of George.

Godfrey against Norris.

At Guildhall, before Parker Chief Justice.

The Witness
to a Bond be-
coming Ad-
ministrators *de*
bonis non of
the obligee,
Proof of the
Hand allow-
ed.

DEBT upon a Bond; *Non est Factum* pleaded, and Issue thereupon. The Plaintiff was Administrator *de bonis non*, of the obligee, and the only surviving Witness to the Bond; and the Proof given upon this Issue was only a Person who swore to the Hand-Writing, and also several Letters from the Obligor making mention of this Bond. To this it was objected, that the Hand-Writing is not sufficient Proof where the Witness is living, and that it was the Fault of the Plaintiff to bring himself under this Incapacity. He might have let another take Administration *quoad* this Bond; but it was ruled by Parker Chief Justice, that this was good Evidence, and he liken'd it to the Case of a Will where the Witness afterwards happens to be a Devisee under the Will, in which Case if there be no other Witness, Proof of the Hand is good.

The

The same Term.

Lockart *against* Graham.

Before King Chief Justice.

WHERE there were three Obligor, and the Action brought against one of them only, the other Obligor was allowed as a Witness to prove the Execution of the Bond by the Defendant, after a Case had been made of it, and Conference with Tracy and Dormer Justices.

One obligor
Witness to
prove the De-
livery by the
other.

Sacheverel *against* Sacheverel.

*Before the Delegates in Serjeants Inn, the
5th of March 1716.*

THE Wife came for Administration to the Husband, and the Marriage was contested. An Affidavit of the Man himself taken extrajudicially before a Surrogate of Doctors Commons, was allowed as Evidence of a Confession.

Extrajudicial
Affidavit read.

Trinity, third of George, B. R.

Crozier *against* Ogleby.

TROVER by an Administrator for Rum taken and converted in the Intestate's

Goods taken
in the Inte-
state's Life,
and kept till
his Death, and
used after-

wards, is a
Conversion in
his Life.

testate's Life ; upon the Evidence it appeared, that the Rum was taken in the Intestate's Life, but not used till after his Death ; and this being a Point reserved, the Question was, Whether this Evidence of not using it till the Administrator's Time would not overthrow the Declaration of a Conversion in the Intestate's Life.

And *by the Court* : The Time of using the Rum lay in the Breast of the Defendant, who ought to have disclosed that Matter by his Plea ; the taking it in the Life of the Intestate, and keeping it till his Death, is a Conversion sufficient to maintain this Declaration ; so the Plaintiff had Judgment.

Trinity, the third of George.

Dryer against Mills and others.

At Nisi Prius in Middlesex, before Parker Chief Justice.

On Not guilty cannot
give Evidence
of taking the
Goods as a
Deodand.

TRESPASS for taking Materials of an House ; Not guilty pleaded ; and the Chief Justice would not admit the Defendant to give Evidence of taking the Goods as a Deodand, because he might have justified, and then the Plaintiff would have had an Opportunity to give an Answer to it.

The

The same Term.

Selwin *against* Hore.

DEBT on 5 *Eliz.* for exercising the Trade of a Bisket Baker, not having served an Apprenticeship; but it was ruled by *Parker* Chief Justice, That a Bisket Baker was not within the Statute, which had always been construed strictly, and extends only to Common Bakers. The Plaintiff was called.

Bisket Baker
not a Trade
within 5 *Eliz.*

Mich. the fourth of *George*, B. R.

Jones *against* White.

ON a Trial at Bar in a feigned Issue, where the Question was *Deviseavit vel non*, to overthrow the Will the Defendant insisted, that the Testator was *non compos* at the Time of making it, which was the 29th, having shot himself the 31st, and amongst other Circumstances the Coroner's Inquest, which found him Lunatick, was offer'd to be read, but being opposed by the other Side, the Court delivered their Opinions.

Inquisition
given in Evi-
dence.

Parker, Chief Justice: The Plaintiff in this Case is Executrix, and the Inquest for her

her Advantage, since the Personal Estate is saved by finding Lunacy, and therefore I think it may be read against her. In my Lord *Derby's* Case an Inquest *post mortem* was allowed to be given in Evidence. If this be read, it will have very little Weight, for it only finds him Lunatick *eo instante*, the 31st, which is no conclusive Evidence that he was so the 29th.

Justice *Powys* agreed.

Justice *Eyre*: This is a criminal Matter, and ought not to be given in Evidence in a Civil Proceeding. A Verdict in an Indictment of Battery cannot be read in an Action for the same Battery. An Inquest *post mortem* was in the Nature of a Civil Proceeding; but this is Criminal, for it might induce a Forfeiture of the Goods if he had been found *felo de se*.

Mr. Justice *Pratt*: If a Verdict be given in Evidence, it must be between the same Parties, and therefore an Indictment which is at the Suit of the King, cannot be read in an Action which is at the Suit of the Party. The Wife is no Witness here, as she was before the Coroner; so that this would be to read her against herself. The Reason why an Inquest *post mortem* may be read is, because of the Antiquity of it, or to prove a Pedigree.

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The Court being divided, it was not read till Mr. Justice *Pratt* desired it might for this Time, being only to inform the Conscience of the Chancellor, and that nothing might be said to be wanting to clear the Question.

The same Term.

Young *against* Holmes.

At Nisi Prius in Middlesex.

UPON Not guilty in Ejectment the Case was, That Lessee for Years devises the Term to *James Holmes*, his Executor for Life, paying fifty Pounds to *J. S.* Remainder to the Lessors of the Plaintiff. The Executor died, and his Executrix entered upon the Residue of the Term, and possessed herself of the Lease.

On Devise of a Term to the Executor for Life, there must be an Assent to take as Legatee.

1. It being proved that the Defendant had the Lease in her Custody, and refused to produce it; an Attorney who had read it was allowed to give Evidence of the Contents, and the Chief Justice said he would intend it made against the Defendant, it being in her Power, if it was otherwise, to shew the contrary.

2. For the Defendant it was insisted, and agreed to by the Chief Justice, That *James Holmes*

Holmes took the Term as Executor, and not as Legatee, and then the Remainder over was not executed, unless the Remainder Men could prove a special Assent thereto, as to a Legacy, which was incumbent on them to do. Upon this they called a Witness to prove Payment of the fifty Pounds charged upon the Term in the Hands of the Executor; and this was held a sufficient Assent, and the Plaintiff obtained a Verdict.

The same Term.

Douglafs against Boddington.

At Guildhall.

Practice in
Trover.

IT was ruled by Lord Chief Justice *Parker*, in Trover, if the Plaintiff has not his Goods again, the Jury must give the Value of the Goods, and Damages for detaining. But if he has had his Goods, then the detaining only is to be considered, and if the Defendant will enter into a Rule to deliver the Goods, the Jury find the Damages of detaining only.

The

The same Term.

Moor *against* Viell.

In Middlesex.

IT was ruled by *Parker* Chief Justice, On a Devise of Lands in Possession, the Possession must be proved. That on a Devise of Lands *then* in the Possession of the Devisor, he that claims under the Will must prove the Lands to have been in the Possession of the Devisor at the Time of the Devise, because if he came to the Possession after making the Will, those Lands will not pass by a general Devise of all his Lands; for the Statute only enables Men *having* Lands to devise them, so that if he has them not, he is out of the Statute, and it is not sufficient to prove a Dying seised; hence the Common Form of Pleading is, That the Devisor was seised, and being so seised made his Will.

The same Term.

Fletewode and others *against* Caston.

Before King Chief Justice of C.B. in Middlesex.

IN an Action by two Executors, before the Jury was sworn, the Defendant Release puis Darrein Continuance how to be pleaded. pleaded

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pleaded a Release *puis Darrein Continuance* by one of the Plaintiffs. And it was held by the Court to be a Bar to both.

Exception was taken, that it should not be *action' ulterius habere seu manutenere*, but *ulterius procedere*, or *ad Caption' Jurat' procedere non Debent*.

But by the Court: That was indeed the old way, but this is according to the Modern way. *Lutw.* 1142.

Hilary, fourth of George, B. R.

Butler against Maliffy.

Note to pay jointly or severally, how to be declared upon.

B*R the Court:* If two Men give a Note jointly and severally, and the Action is brought against one only, you may declare generally, that he by his Note promised to pay, without taking Notice of the other, and a Note by both will be good Evidence to support the Declaration: And it is the same where there are several Obligors in a Bond, and the Action is against one only. So likewise if the Note had been to pay fifty Pounds, or one hundred Pounds, in an Action for either, you may declare generally on a Note for so much, and give the disjunctive Note in Evidence; for by the Action the Plaintiff has made his Election.

The

The same Term.

Lane *against* Santeloe.

Before King Chief Justice, of C. B. in Middlesex.

CASE for a malicious Prosecution of an Indictment for Felony, *unde acquietat' fuit*, was brought against the Prosecutor and the Justice who committed; and the Jury gave two hundred Pounds Damages against the Prosecutor, and twenty Pounds against the Justice; and the Chief Justice directed the Verdict to be taken accordingly.

Where there are two Defendants the Jury may give separate Damages.

The same Term.

Westbrooke *against* Strutville.

ON Not guilty in Trespass for an Assault, the Defendant gave in Evidence his Marriage with the Plaintiff; to encounter which she proved a former Marriage to one *Westbrooke*, who was alive at the Time of her second Marriage.

Wife *de facto* may bring Trespass against Husband.

It was objected for Defendant, that the Plaintiff ought not to give Felony in Evidence.

dence to support her Action; but this was over-ruled, and she had a Verdict.

The same Term.

Strutville *against* —

Before Parker Chief Justice.

*Wife de facto
a Servant.*

WHERE a Woman marries a second Husband, living the first, and the second not privy; as to what she acquires by her Labour during the Cohabitation, the Chief Justice said he would esteem her as a Servant to the second Husband, who is intitled to the Benefit of her Labour.

The same Term.

Anonymous.

*Warrant of
Justices ex-
cuses Con-
stable.*

TRESPASS against a Constable for entering the Plaintiff's House and taking his Goods. On Not guilty, the Defendant gave in Evidence a Warrant of two Justices to levy five Pounds, for that the Plaintiff being Surveyor of the Highways, had not done his Duty in some Particulars which were mentioned, pursuant to 3 & 4 W. & M. The Chief Justice ruled, that

that the Warrant was a sufficient Justification to the Officer in all Matters within the Jurisdiction of the Justices, and therefore he would not put the Defendant to any further Proof. Then the Plaintiff insisted, that the Surplus after Sale not being returned, the Defendant, as to this, was a Trespasser from the Beginning. But by Lord Chief Justice *Parker*: By the Sale the whole Property was devested, and therefore if the Surplus be not returned, you may bring an Action for the Money; but Trover or Trespass will not lie. The Plaintiff was called.

Hilary, fourth of George.

Anonymus.

Before Lord Chief Justice King, in Middlesex.

CASE upon a Promissory Note which ran thus, "I promise to pay to *A. B.* eight Pounds, so much being to be due from me to *C. D.* my Landlady at *Lady-day* next, who is indebted in that Sum to *A. B.*" Upon the Trial it appeared the Landlady died before *Lady-day*, whereby the Reversioner became intitled to the Rent, and therefore it was insisted for the Defendant, "That the Note was only conditional, for it could not be supposed he intended

Promissory Note not to be avoided by subsequent Accident.

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“intended to oblige himself to pay the “Rent twice.” But the Chief Justice held, That as to the Plaintiff, the Death of *C. D.* signified nothing, for the Note was due on Demand, and the mentioning upon what Account the Money would be due, for which the Defendant obliged himself, can only be taken as an Intention to shew he had answered the Rent to her if she should come upon him for it when it became due. The Plaintiff recovered.

Easter, fourth of George.

The King against Motherfell.

What Corporations Books are Evidence.

ON a Motion for a new Trial on Account of some Evidence over-ruled, the Fact appeared to be this: On the Trial of an Information, in Nature of a *Quo Warranto*, the Prosecutor produced in Evidence a Book which appeared to be only Minutes of some corporate Acts done ten Years ago, all written by the Prosecutor's own Clerk, who was no Officer of the Corporation; and this being opposed by the other Side as having been never kept amongst or esteemed as one of the Corporation Books, in which the Entries were always made by the Town Clerk, gave a Suspicion that this Book was not genuine, and therefore

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the Judge, before he admitted it to be read, required an Account where it had been kept for those ten Years, and whether any of the Corporators had ever seen it before, which the Prosecutor not being able to clear up, he rejected it.

And *by the Court*: Corporation Books are generally allowed to be given in Evidence when they have been publickly kept as such, and the Entries made by the proper Officer; not but that Entries made by other Persons may be good, if the Town Clerk be Sick or refuses to attend; but then that must be made appear: Whoever produces a Book must establish it before he delivers it in. We often make People, when they produce Deeds, give an Account where they have been kept, and how they came by them. Therefore we are of Opinion that this Evidence thus offered was well over-ruled, and consequently there must be no new Trial.

The same Term.

Frost against Woolveston, in C. B.

ON Motion for a new Trial the Case was, That an Infant covenanted to levy a Fine by such a Time to such Uses, before the Time he comes of Age, then

Infant Declares the Uses of a Fine to be suffered at full Age, he may then declare new the Uses.

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the Fine is levied, and by another Deed made at full Age, he declares it to be to other Uses. The Court held the last Deed should be that which should lead the Uses.

Lloyd *against* Lee.

At Guildhall, before Lord Chief Justice Pratt.

Forbearance
no Considera-
tion where no
Cause of Ac-
tion before.

A Married Woman gives a promissory Note as a Feme Sole, and after her Husband's Death, in Consideration of Forbearance promised to pay it; and now in an Action against her it was insisted, that though upon Account of her Coverture, when the Note was given, it was voidable for that Reason, yet by her subsequent Promise when she was of Ability to make a Promise, she had made herself liable; and the Forbearance was a new Consideration. But the Chief Justice held the contrary, and that the Note was not barely voidable, but absolutely void; and Forbearance, where originally there is no Cause of Action, is no Consideration to raise an *Assumpsit*; but he said it might be otherwise where the Contract was but voidable.

against

— *against Chambers.*

IN Trover it appeared the Goods were pawned for ten Pounds. And by *Pratt* Chief Justice, if the ten Pounds and Interest be tendered, Trover lies. But a Demand upon the Servant will not be sufficient to subject the Master to a *Tort*. A Question arose about the Manner of the Tender, for Part of the Goods were pawned by the Plaintiff himself as his own, and the other Part by his Intestate: He tendered the whole Money that both were pawned for, and brought the Action only for the Intestate's Goods. And it was held by Lord Chief Justice *Pratt*, That he should have distinguished, for we cannot examine in this Action how much the other were pawn'd for. The Plaintiff was called.

Tender to Servant will not make a Conversion in the Master.

Easter, fourth of George.

Anonymus.

In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.

THE Question in Ejectment being Parcel or not Parcel, a Survey was offered in Evidence on the Plaintiff's Side,

Survey where Evidence.

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which was taken by one under whom the Lessor claimed, and in which the Lands in Question were included ; but this being an Act to which the Defendants were not privy, and it being dangerous in encouraging People to take more than their own into a Survey, the Chief Justice rejected it.

Trinity, fourth of George.

The King against Arnold.

No Parol Evidence of Appointment of Overseers.

INDICTMENT against Defendants, for that they being Church-wardens, and two others Overseers duly appointed, did refuse to join with the Overseers in making a Poor's Rate ; and the Chief Justice held the Prosecutor to shew an Appointment of the Overseers under the Hands and Seals of two Justices, as the Statute requires, and he rejected Parol Evidence, because he said it must be produced that he might judge whether it was a sufficient Appointment. He quoted *Willoughby* against *Dixey* in *C. B.* where a Will entered in the Books of the Spiritual Court to be delivered out to the Executor, was refused to be given Evidence of till Application to and Refusal of the Executor was proved ; and the same in *Sir Edward Seymore's Case* as to a Deed. Defendants acquitted.

The

The same Term.

Baker against Lord Fairfax.

ON an Issue out of Chancery one of the Witnesses, after his Depositions taken, became interested, and confessing it now upon a *voire dire*, he was rejected. Then it was desired to read his Depositions as if he was dead, and a Case was urged where in Chancery a Witness was made Executor, and revived the Suit, and was read at the hearing. But the Chief Justice remembered the Case in *Salk.* 286, which was the Resolution of two Courts on a Trial at Bar, and so he refused to hear the Depositions.

Depositions taken before, no Evidence after Witness becomes interested.

Mich. fifth of George.

Ramsden against Ambrose.

At Guildball, before Pratt Chief Justice.

THE Husband and Wife lived separate, she boarded in the Plaintiff's House, who declares against the Husband as for Meat and Drink found and provided for the Husband. On the Evidence it appeared to be for the Wife; and the Chief Justice held it did not support the Declaration; for

Where Husband and Wife live separate, cannot declare as for Meat found and provided for him.

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though the Husband is chargeable upon his implied Contract for what Necessaries are administered to the Wife, and therefore if Goods are delivered to her, the Vendor may declare generally for Goods sold and delivered; yet in this Case the Plaintiff fails in his Description of the Subject Matter of that Contract; so that where he now declares generally, a Recovery in this Action could not be pleaded in Bar to a special Action for Meat and Drink found and provided for the Wife.

In *Trinity Term* the 12th of King *George*, the like Determination was made by Lord Chief Justice *Eyre* in the Common Pleas, between *Hadley* and *Collins*.

The same Term.

Amies against Stevens.

Carrier not
answerable for
Goods lost by
Tempest.

THE Plaintiff puts Goods on Board the Defendant's Hoy, who was a Common Carrier; coming through Bridge, by a sudden Gust of Wind the Hoy was drove against the Bridge and sunk, and the Goods were spoiled. The Plaintiff insisted that the Defendant should be liable, it being his Carelessness in going through Bridge at such a Time, and offered some Evidence, that if the Hoy had been in better Order it would

would not have sunk with the Stroke it received, and from thence inferred the Defendant to be answerable for all Accidents, which might have been prevented if the Goods had been put into a better Hoy. But the Chief Justice held the Defendant not liable, the Damage being occasioned by the Act of God, which no Care of the Defendant could either foresee or prevent; and though the Defendant ought not to have ventured to shoot the Bridge, if the general Bent of the Weather had been tempestuous; yet this being a sudden Gust of Wind had intirely differ'd the Case: And no Carrier (he said) was obliged to have a new Carriage for every Journey; it is sufficient if he provides one which, without any extraordinary Accident, (such as this was) will probably perform the Journey.

The same Term.

Busshel against Miller.

UPON the Custom-house Key there is an Hut where particular Porters put in small Parcels of Goods, if the Ship is not ready to receive them when they are brought upon the Key: The Porters who have a Right in this Hut have each particular Boxes or Cupboards, and as such the

That which makes a Man a Trespasser may not amount to a Conversion.

Defendant had one. The Plaintiff being one of the Porters, puts in Goods belonging to *A.* and lays them so that the Defendant could not get to his Chest without removing them; he accordingly does remove them about a Yard from the Place where they lay towards the Door, and without returning them into their Place goes away, and the Goods are lost. The Plaintiff satisfies *A.* of the Value of the Goods, and brings Trover against the Defendant; and upon the Trial two Points were ruled by the Chief Justice.

First, That the Plaintiff having made Satisfaction to *A.* for the Goods, had thereby acquired a sufficient Property in them to maintain Trover,

Secondly, That here was no Conversion in the Defendant. The Plaintiff, by laying the Goods where they obstructed the Defendant from going to his Chest, was in that Respect a Wrong-doer; the Defendant had a Right to remove the Goods, so that thus far he was in no Fault; then as to the not returning the Goods to the Place where he found them, if this was in Action of Trespass, he said there might be some Doubt, but he was clear it would not amount to a Conversion.

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The same Term.

Fotheringham against Greenwood.

A. HAVING Money of the Plaintiff's in his Hands loses it at Play: The Plaintiff brings an Action after the three Months upon the Statute 9 *Anne*, c. 14. and produces *A.* as a Witness. Upon a *voire dire* he confessed, that if the Plaintiff recovered he did not suppose he would come upon him for the Money; but if he failed, then he expected the Money imbeziled would be deducted out of his Fortune in the Plaintiff's Hands.

He that apprehends himself interested, though *stricto jure* he was not, is no Witness.

And it was held by Lord Chief Justice *Pratt*, Though, *stricto jure*, the Recovery against the Defendant will not sink the Plaintiff's Demand against *A.* yet his Apprehension that the Plaintiff will not trouble him for it is a Bias upon him; for if a Witness thinks himself interested in the Question, though in Strictness of Law he is not, yet he ought not to be sworn. And Serjeant *Darnal* mentioned the Case of Mr. *Chapman* of *Bucks*, who owned himself to be under an honourary, though not under a binding, Engagement to pay the Costs. And *Parker*, Chief Justice, on solemn De-

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bate rejected him; and so it was done in this Case.

Hilary, the fifth of George.

The King against Cope and others.

In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.

What is Evidence of a Conspiracy.

THE Husband, Wife and Servants were indicted for a Conspiracy to ruin the Trade of the Prosecutor, who was the King's Cardmaker: The Evidence against them was that they had at several Times given Money to the Prosecutor's Apprentices to put Grease into the Paste, which had spoiled the Cards, but there was no Account given that ever more than one at a Time was present, though it was proved they had all given Money in their Turns. It was objected, that this could not be a Conspiracy, for two Men might do the same Thing without having any previous Communication with one another. But the Chief Justice ruled, that the Defendants being all of a Family, and concerned in making of Cards, it would amount to Evidence of a Conspiracy, and directed the Jury accordingly.

Titch-

Titchburne against White.

At Guildhall, before King Chief Justice,

WHO held, that if a Box is delivered generally to a Carrier, and he accepts it, he is answerable, though the Party did not tell him there is Money in it. But if the Carrier asks, and the other says no; or if he accepts it conditionally, provided there is no Money in it, in either of these Cases the Carrier would not be liable. *Allen 93.*

What Acceptance makes a Carrier liable.

Fuller against Jacob.

At Surry Assizes, before Pratt Chief Justice.

ON *Non ass. infra sex Annos* to Case upon a promissory Note; the Evidence for the Plaintiff was, that he shewed the Note to the Defendant within six Years, who denied his Hand, saying, " Prove it to be my Hand, and I will pay you." And upon the Authority of *Salk. 29.* the Chief Justice held it prevented the Operation of the Statute, as much as an express Promise; and he said the Reason why the Statute must be pleaded is, because it only operates as a Release at the Election of the Party.

Conditional Promise prevents the Statute of Limitations.

The

The same Term.

Sleigh against Aynsham.

Where the Justices in their Warrant lay unnecessary Terms upon the Officer, they are not to be regarded.

THE Justices, reciting that the Plaintiff had been rated towards Relief of the Poor, and had neglected to pay it, issue their Warrant to the Officer empowering him, upon Demand and Refusal, to levy by Distress and Sale.

And it was said by Lord Chief Justice *Pratt*, Though the 43d of *Eliz.* does not require a Demand after issuing the Warrant; yet inasmuch as the Justices have tied up the Officer to the Execution of the Warrant in a particular Manner, he must shew he has pursued it, and made a Demand after Receipt of the Warrant; upon which was mentioned the Case of *Bosely* and *Sherman* in the Common Pleas, in the first Year of King *George* the first, which the Chief Justice distinguished from this, because he said the Demand here was in the Nature of a Condition precedent; however he said that Case was so near this, that he would leave it to the Jury, and they found for the Defendant the Officer.

The

The same Term.

Pitton against Walter.

IT was said by Lord Chief Justice Pratt, *Postea*, where Evidence. that the bare Producing the *Postea* is no Evidence of the Verdict without shewing a Copy of the final Judgment; because it may happen the Judgment was arrested, or a new Trial granted; but it is good Evidence that a Trial was had between the same Parties, so as to introduce an Account of what a Witness swore at that Trial, who is since dead.

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The Question being whether the Lessor of the Plaintiff was Heir at Law to him that died seised; to prove the Pedigree, the Chief Justice admitted a Visitation in 1623, made by the Heralds, entered in their Books and kept in their Office to be read in Evidence. He also admitted the Minute Book of a former Visitation, signed by the Heads of the several Families, which was found in the Library of my Lord Oxford, who being a curious Man he said would not have admitted it into his Study, if it were not authentick.

Heralds
Books Evidence of a
Pedigree.

Easter,

*Easter, fifth of George.**Atkins against Berwick.*

A Delivery to
A. to the Use
of B. is not
countermand-
able where
there was a
Consideration.

UPON Trial at *Nisi Prius* in London a Case was made, That the Defendant 7th of *April* sent Goods, to A. who in *May* following finding himself in bad Circumstances redelivered the Goods to a Friend of the Defendant, and sent him Notice; but before he could signify his Agreement to take back the Goods, A. became Bankrupt; and now in an Action by the Assignee of the Commission, the Question was, Whether the Delivery to the Friend, for the Defendant's Use, was countermandable or absolute; and the whole Court were of Opinion that there being a precedent Consideration (*viz.* the Debt) A. could not countermand, and the Property reposed in the Defendant till Disagreement, and the Contract did not stand open till Agreement. Judgment for the Defendant.

Easter,

Easter, the fifth of George.

Burroughs against Caffield.

*At Nisi Prius in Middlesex, before Pratt
Chief Justice.*

A FEME sole retained an Attorney and then marries: The Attorney continues to carry on the Suit. And the Chief Justice ruled that he should be paid, unless they could shew Notice of the Marriage, or a Countermand. The Plaintiff had a Verdict.

Attorney retained by a Feme Sole before her Marriage, to be paid.

The same Term.

Hudson and Wife against Ash.

THE Plaintiff's Wife was taken up by Warrant of a Justice of Peace, for assaulting the Overseer of the Parish, and contributing to the Escape of a Woman delivered of a Bastard Child: When she came before the Justice she could not find Bail, but at her Request he gave Leave for her to lie that Night at the Constable's House, in order to get Bail against the Morning: Then one on her behalf demanded a Copy of the Commitment, which not

Constable, within Habeas Corpus Act.

being delivered, an Action was brought upon the *Habeas Corpus Act*.

And it was ruled by Lord Chief Justice *Pratt*, that the Questions are two, Whether the Defendant be an Officer, and whether the Plaintiff's Wife was detained by Virtue of any Warrant within the Meaning of the Statute. As to the Defendant there is no Doubt, but a Constable is within the Act; but I do not think this Action is well brought, for the Woman was not in his Custody by Virtue of any Warrant; what Warrant there was, was only to bring her before the Justice, and that was fully executed by so doing, and the Time she staid at the Constable's after that, was not by Virtue of any Warrant or Commitment, but at her own Consent to remain under a voluntary Custody. Neither is this a Case within the Mischief of the Statute, which was indefinite Commitments. The Plaintiff was called, then the Defendant moved for treble Costs, being a Constable. But the Chief Justice would not certify, because this Custody was not in Execution of his Office.

The same Term.

Turner against Trilby.

At Guildhall.

IT was held by Lord Chief Justice *Pratt*, What are Ne-
cessaries for an Infant's Wife are cessaries to
Necessaries for him; but if provided only charge an In-
in Order for the Marriage, he is not charge- fant.
able, though she uses them after.

The same Term.

The King against Wild.

INDICTMENT for a Misdemeanour in re- A Person can-
ceiving stolen Goods knowing them to not be prose-
be stolen. Upon the Prosecutor's Evidence cuted for a
it appeared the Felons had been convicted Misd-
and executed; whereupon it was objected meanour in
that this Indictment would not lie, being receiving sto-
only given by 5 *Anne*, c. 31. in Case where len Goods, if
the Felon cannot be apprehended; for it Felon is to be
begins, *Provided that if, &c.* which is only found
a Jurisdiction given under those particular
Circumstances; and of that Opinion was
the Chief Justice; and the Defendant was
acquitted.

*Trinity, fifth of George, B. R.**Marlham against Dutrey.*Average when
it shall be.

IN an Action by a Master of a Ship against a Freighter for Contribution; on Motion in Arrest of Judgment it was held, That if in a Tempest the Sails of a Ship are cut down and cast overboard for its Preservation, in that Case there shall be Average, but not for any accidental Losses in Sailing, or for Goods rotting in the Ship for want of due Care; and for this the Laws of *Oleron* were cited.

The same Term.

*The King against Gill and another.*Not criminally answer-
able for a
casual Da-
mage.

INDICTMENT for throwing down Skins into a Yard, which was a publick way, whereby the Prosecutor's Eye was beat out: On the Evidence it appeared the Wind took the Skin and blew it out of the way, and so the Damage happened. The Chief Justice remembered the Case of the *Hoy*, wherein it was held, that the Carrier was not answerable for Goods lost by Tempest, and that in *Hob. 134*, where in exercising one Soldier wounded another, and a Case
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in the Year Book, where a Man lopped a Tree, and the Bough was blown at a Distance and killed a Man; and in the principal Case the Defendants were acquitted.

The same Term.

Campden *against* Turner.

In Middlesex, before King Chief Justice of Common Pleas.

ACTION for Money had and received to the Plaintiff's Use, was held to lie against an Executor for a Legacy, which he had owned lay ready for the Plaintiff whenever he would call for it. Legacy, recovered in Action.

Mich. sixth of George.

Leighton *against* Leighton, B. R.

MR. Solicitor General moved, That the Keeper of the Records and Fines in the County of *Monmouth*, might attend the Trial at Bar, with some of the original Records to answer an Objection that had been made upon a former Trial; That all the Records, were worn out and obliterated. Officer examined as to Condition, not Substance of Records.

But by the Court: We never do it; you may have a Rule for Copies, and though

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the Officer cannot be examined as to the Matter of a Record, yet he may give Evidence of the Condition of them in general, without producing them, and that will answer the Purpose as well.

Hilary, sixth of George.

Arnold against Johnson.

In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.

Plaintiff cannot be nonsuit unless the Defendant appears.

THE Cause was called, and the Jury sworn; but no Counsel, Attornies, Parties or Witnesses of either Side appeared.

Serjeant *Whitaker* being asked his Opinion said, The Plaintiff ought to be called, for the Jury being charged, the Cause must be carried on to some Determination. But the Chief Justice said no body had a Right to demand the Plaintiff but the Defendant, and therefore the Defendant not demanding him, he could not order him to be called, but the only way was to discharge the Jury. And Mr. *Kettleby* remembered a Case where Lord *Parker* did so upon the like Accident.

Easter,

Easter, the sixth of George.

Leighton against Leighton.

UPON a Trial at Bar the Defendant made Title under an old Intail, and amongst other Things offered an Inquisition *post Mortem* in 25 H. 8. whereby it was found, That the deceased Tenant was seised in Fee; and upon Traverse of this it went down to be tried, and found to be only a Seisin in Tail; upon which Judgment was given, and an *Amoveas manum* issued. This was objected to by the Counsel for the Plaintiff, because it was taken and tried in *Salop*, whereas the Lands lay in *Wales*, and this being before the 27th of H. 8. which united *Wales* to *England*, was all *Coram non judice* and a Mistrial; but the Court ordered it to be read, saying it was not void, but voidable, and cited *Murrey* and *Wise*, where on a Trial at Bar Depositions irregularly taken were allowed to be read.

Voidable Act;
Evidence.

N. B. The same Exception was taken on another Trial in the Exchequer, and over-ruled.

*Trinity, the sixth of George.**Walker against Sir Rowland Gwyn.**At Guildhall, before Pratt Chief Justice.*

What Evidence of a Witness's not being to be had, is sufficient to intitle the Plaintiff to prove his Hand.

DEBT on a Bond dated in 1689; on *Non est Factum* the Plaintiff proved the Obligor's Hand, and the Hand of one of the Witnesses who was dead; and as to the other Witness, gave an Account, That they had inquired after him, and could not find him, but were informed that such a Person did many Years ago lodge near, and was much in the Company of the Defendant; but the People who remembered that, had not heard any thing of him a great while. And upon this Evidence the Chief Justice directed the Jury to find for the Plaintiff, unless the Defendant could shew the Witness to be alive.

*Mich. seventh of George.**The King against Gwyn, Mayor of Christ-Church.*

What Copies of corporate Acts may be given in Evidence.

ON a Trial at Bar the Question was, Whether *A. B.* at the Time he did a corporate Act was an out Burgefs or not?

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And to prove he was, the Defendant, who had a Rule for Copies of all the Books and Records of the said Borough, produced a Copy of a Letter fifty Years old, and found in one of the Corporation Chests, wherein *A. B.* is mentioned to be of another Place. But the Court refused to hear it read, because not a corporate Act within the Rule; so that a Copy is not Evidence, but the Original ought to be produced.

Farmer against Stanton.

At Guildhall, before Pratt Chief Justice.

IN an Action on a stated Account it was proved by one Witness: The Defendant's Case was, that he was a young Man who boarded with the Plaintiff, and that his Father had paid for two Years Board, and therefore should be presumed to be liable for the rest, unless the Plaintiff could prove a new Contract by the Son. The Chief Justice said he would have presumed that he continued there on the old Contract between the Plaintiff and the Father, if there had not been a stated Account; but there being that in the Case, he could not but presume a new Contract; and so the Plaintiff recovered.

No Presumption of a different Contract after a stated Account.

Poultney

*Poultney against Holmes.**In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.*

What an Underlease, and what an Assignment.

THE Defendant having a Term for Years, whereof one Year and three Quarters was to come, agrees with the Plaintiff that he should have the Premises for the Remainder of the Term, paying to the Defendant the same Rent as was reserved upon the original Lease. The Plaintiff took Possession, and now brings Trespass against the Defendant for a Re-entry.

It was objected, that this amounted to an Assignment of the Lease, and was therefore void by the Statute of Frauds, not being in Writing; to which the Plaintiff answered, That it must be taken as a Lease, and not as an Assignment, because the Reservation was to the Lessee, and not to the original Lessor; and the Lessee might maintain Debt for Rent upon it, though he could not distrain for want of a Reversion. And of this Opinion was the Chief Justice, and the Plaintiff obtained a Verdict.

The same Term.

The King against Pattle.

What a Cottage within the Statute of Eliz.

THE Defendant being Owner of several Houses in St. Catherine's, let the
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Rooms out to several Families, and for this was indicted upon the Statute about Inmates. But the Chief Justice ruled it not a Case within the Statute, for the House was not a Cottage, and all the new Buildings about Town would be liable, to the same Prosecution ; there not being four Acres laid to any of them ; and he held further, that the proviso in the Statute for Market-Towns would take in this Case ; for in this Respect, as far as the Houses are contiguous, *Wapping* is Part of the Town. In the King against *Crockford* in *Trinity* Term following, the Chief Justice ruled the same in Relation to the Houses about *Enfield*.

The same Term.

Campion against Nicholas.

THE Cargo of the Ship was lost by the Capture of a *Swedish* Privateer who carried her into *Gottenburgh* : The Master staid there three Months to refit the Ship and take in new Lading ; and to prevent the Seamen from going away, he agreed to pay them so much *per* Month whilst they staid there ; and in an Action for this the Master would have discharged himself on the Rule, that Freight is the Mother of Wages, and that none are ever paid whilst the

The Admiralty Law for Wages may be superseded by special Agreement.

the Ship is lading and unlading; which the Chief Justice agreed to be the general Doctrine; but however he held it not sufficient to controul a special Agreement, as there was in this Case, and where too there was so long a stay at *Gottenburgh*.

Teshmaker against Hundred of Ed- monton.

In Middlesex, before King Chief Justice.

Hundred is
liable for Rob-
bery going to
Church on a
Sunday.

THE Plaintiff lived a Mile from the Church, and going thither with his Lady in his Coach, upon a *Sunday*, was robbed, and brought his Action against the Hundred, and recovered, the Statute extending only to the Case of Travelling. But the Chief Justice said, If they had been going to make a Visit it might have been otherwise.

Dutch against Warren.

At Guildhall, before King Chief Justice.

Action for
Money had
and received
to Plaintiff's
Use lies for
Money paid
on a Promise
to transfer
Stock at a
future Day.

CASE for Money had and received to the Plaintiff's Use: The Case was, The Plaintiff paid Money on a Promise to transfer Stock at a future Day; which not being done, the Plaintiff brought this Action. At the Trial the Doubt was, Whether the Plaintiff

Plaintiff had brought a proper Action, because at the Time the Money was paid, the Plaintiff never intended to have it again, and the Promise to transfer the Stock was a sufficient Consideration for his parting with the Money. The Chief Justice directed the Court should be moved, and they were all of Opinion that the Action was well brought, not for the whole Money paid, but the Damages in not transferring the Stock at that Time, which was a Loss to the Plaintiff, and an Advantage to the Defendant, who was Receiver of the Difference Money to the Plaintiff's Use.

The same Term.

Hawkins *against* Perkins.

Before Pratt Chief Justice.

CASE upon a Note: The Plaintiff called one of the Defendant's Bail to prove the Hand; and whether he was bound to give Evidence was the Question. The Chief Justice said, If he was a subscribing Witness, he would oblige him, but otherwise he would leave him to his Liberty.

Where Bail
are obliged to
give Evidence.

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*The same Term.**Anonymus.**Before King Chief Justice.*

What is Money received to another's Use.

A MAN paid Money on a Contract for the old Stock of a Company, and the Party gave him so many Shares in the additional Stock; upon this the other brings his Action for the Money as so much had and received to his Use; and the Chief Justice held it well laid; because the Thing contracted for was not delivered: He said it would have been otherwise if the Thing contracted for had been delivered, though to a less Value.

*Thomas against Mathews.**In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.*

Special Promise of Marriage, no Evidence on Declaration of a general one.

THE Plaintiff declares that in Consideration he promised to marry the Defendant, she promised to marry him: On the Evidence it appeared the Contract was in this Manner; The Defendant was a Tradesman's Widow, and agreed to marry the Plaintiff as soon as her Widow's Year was up, provided he would carry on her former Husband's Trade; and this being a special

special Promise, and the Declaration only on a general one, the Plaintiff was nonsuit.

The same Term.

Harrack against Lowfield.

IN Assault the Chief Justice held, That Assault, what. the Defendant's coming up to the Plaintiff and holding his Fist at him was no Assault, but that striking at him, though he missed him, would be one.

Hilary, the seventh of George, B. R.

Shepherd against Shorthose.

IT was held by the Court, that if the Probat of a Will be lost, the Spiritual Court never grants a new Probat, but only exemplify the first; and these Exemplifications have been always allowed in Evidence. Exemplification of Probat, good.

Hawkins against Perkins.

At Guildhall, before Prat Chief Justice.

IN the Debate of this Case, which was for Money received to Plaintiff's Use, Mr. Fazakerly cited this Case to have been ruled by Chief Justice King; A. pays to Money received to Plaintiff's Use, what.

to B. one hundred Pounds for a Bill of Exchange on Sir *Joseph Hodges*, who broke before it could be tendered; and he was allowed to recover back the Money from B. in an Action for Money received to his Use, though there was a plain Remedy by Action upon the Protest of the Bill.

The same Term.

Dunsley against Westbrowne.

Where the Master brings Trespass for beating his Servant, the Servant is no Witness.

TRESPASS for beating his Servant, whereby he lost his Service; and the Plaintiff called the Servant to prove the Case. It was objected, that he having a Right to bring an Action in his own Name, it was in Effect swearing for himself, and he must be under a Byass, because what he says now upon Oath may be given in Evidence against him in his own Action. The Chief Justice inclined to the Objection, so the Plaintiff set him aside; and in the Debate of it the Chief Justice put this Case; A Sailor sues for Wages, and the Question turns upon the Loss of the Ship; no Sailor who has Wages, due shall be a Witness to prove the Salvage of the Ship; because he is concerned in the Event of that Question.

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The same Term.

Lefranc *against* Dalbiac.

IN Actions upon promissory Notes, brought by the Party to whom payable, the Chief Justice would not let the Defendant in to shew they were given upon Account of a Contract for Stock not complied with, because it was dangerous in the Case of negotiable Notes, and because there was a mutual Remedy.

The Consideration of a negotiable Note not to be inquired into.

The same Term.

Anonymus.

THE Defendant came to the Plaintiff, who was a Sword Cutler, to sell him a second-hand Sword, and upon his warranting it to be a Silver Hilt, the Plaintiff offered him one Guinea and a half for it. The Defendant refused to take the Money, and went to several other Sword Cutlers, but not meeting with any that would give so much as the Plaintiff, he came back to him, and told him he should have it for the Price he offered; the Plaintiff, upon that, thinking to have it cheaper, refused to give the Guinea and half, and at last beat down

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the Price to twenty-eight Shillings, which was paid the Defendant for the Sword. Afterwards the Plaintiff found that only the Gripe of it was Silver, and the rest of the Hilt was Brass, upon which he brings his Action against the Defendant, and declares upon a Warranty of the Hilt's being Silver, when in Fact it was but Brass; but not being able to prove a Warranty upon the second Bargain he was nonsuit; the Chief Justice being of Opinion that the Warranty upon the bidding one Guinea and half would not extend to the Sale which was a new and a different Contract at a different Time; also he seemed to be of Opinion that the Gripe being Silver, the Plaintiff should have declared specially on a Warranty of the rest of the Hilt only, and have said that that Part was Brass.

Moor against Warren.

At Guildhall, before Pratt Chief Justice.

Holme against Barry.

Before King Chief Justice, the same Place.

In what time
a Goldsmith's
Bill must be
tendered.

THE Defendant in each of these Actions, at two of the Clock in the Afternoon, gave the Plaintiff's Goldsmith's Notes in Payment, which were tendered the



the next Morning at nine, when the Goldsmith had a quarter of an Hour before stopt Payment. The two Chief Justices directed the Juries, that the Loss should fall on the Defendants, there being no Laches in the Plaintiffs, who had demanded their Money as soon as was usual in the Course of Dealing, and that the keeping the Notes till next Morning could not be construed a giving new Credit to the Goldsmiths; and both the Juries found accordingly.

Turner against Mead.

Before Pratt Chief Justice.

THE Case was, The Defendant paid the Plaintiffs, who were the Swordblade Company, two Goldsmiths Notes at three in the Afternoon. The Plaintiffs Servant next Morning leaves the Notes with the Goldsmiths in order to have the Money got ready for him as he came back a Clearing, it being (as they proved) customary for the Bank and the Swordblade Company to send out their Notes in the Morning, and then call for the Money as their Servant returned in the Evening; and the Goldsmiths, upon receiving the Notes, always cancelled them, and got the Money told out against the Time it was usually called for: The

Goldsmiths
Notes tendered the
Day after received, held
time enough.

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Notes in this Case were brought early in the Morning, and received and cancelled, and between four and five in the Afternoon the Servant that left them called again for the Money, when the Goldsmiths had just stopt Payment; upon which the Servant takes new Notes of the same Tenour and Date with the cancelled ones he left in the Morning; and because the Plaintiffs had done nothing but what was usual in leaving the Notes, instead of taking the Money when he first called in the Morning, Chief Justice directed the Jury to find for the Plaintiff; which they did.

The same Term.

Payne against Hays.

The Form of
a special A-
greement
must be pro-
ved.

THE Plaintiff declared on a Contract to deliver Stock the 22d of *August*, and upon the Trial the Entry in the Broker's Book was a Contract for the opening. The Witness was asked whether at the Time of the Contract it was not notorious that the Books were to open the 22d? which he answered in the Affirmative, and that he took the 22d of *August* and the Opening to be convertible Terms. But the Chief Justice was of Opinion that would not do; and so the Plaintiff was called.

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The same Term.

The King *against* Hall.

IN an Information for a Libel the Witness for the Crown, who produced it, swore that it was shewn to the Defendant, who owned himself the Author of that Book, Errors of the Press and some small Variations excepted. The Council for the Defendant objected, that this Evidence would not intitle Mr. Attorney to read the Book, because the Confession was not absolute, and therefore amounted to a Denial that he was the Author of that identical Book. But the Chief Justice allowed it to be read, saying he would put it upon the Defendant to shew that there were material Variances. The Defendant was convicted.

What owning
of a Libel
will warrant
its being read.

Purret *against* Weeks.

At Taunton Assizes, before Mr. Baron Price.

THE Defendant was an Exciseman, and lived in the County of *Devon*, and executed his Office in several Parishes in that County, and also in a Parish that extended into *Somersetshire*; and the Commissioners of that County apprehending

Exciseman to
be taxed in
the County
where he
lives.

they had a concurrent Power with the Commissioners of *Devon* to tax him for his Salary, on Account that he executed his Office in their County, they tax him accordingly, and for Non-payment distrain; on which Trespass was brought; and ruled that it well lay, for though he rides about to the publick Houses in that County, yet he must be said to keep his Office in the Town where he lives and has his Books, and there he was only Taxable.

Anonymus.

At Exeter, before Lord Chief Baron Bury.

Payment by
one Obligor
no Discharge
to the other.

DEBT on a Bond; *Solvit ad Diem* pleaded, and on the Evidence it appeared that there was another Obligor who had actually paid the Money; but ruled to be no Proof of the Issue of Payment by the other; *Quere tamen*, for the Release as to one will be a Release as to both. 2 *Rol. Abr.* 412.

Easter, the seventh of George.

Seaward against Powel.

In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.

Subscribing
Witness must
be produced.

IN an ACTION upon a Promissory Note, there being a subscribing Witness, the
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Chief Justice would not allow any other to prove the Hand, without shewing where the Witness was, and that he could not be produced; and this on the general Rule, That the Law requires the best Evidence the Thing is capable of.

The King against Middleton.

At Guildhall, before Pratt Chief Justice.

IT was ruled by Lord Chief Justice Pratt, What a Publication of a Libel, and where.
If the Author at *Cambridge* sends a Libel to *London* to be printed and published, 'tis his Act in *London*, if the Publication was there.

Seagood against Neale.

In Chancery.

S. Agreed to sell an Estate to *O.* and wrote What Writing Evidence within the Statute of Frauds.
to his Agent to deliver the Title Deeds to *O.* he having agreed to dispose of it to him. Afterwards *S.* sold the same Estate to *D.* who had Notice of this Transaction. *O.* brought a Bill against *S.* and *D.* insisting that the Letter brought the Case out of the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries; but Lord Chancellor held it did not, because the Agreement does not appear in it.

*Select Cases relating to Evidence.**Trinity, seventh of George.**Busby against Greenplate.**In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.*

Devisee of a
Copyhold dy-
ing in the
Life of the
Devisor a-
voids the De-
vise.

IN Ejectment the Chief Justice ruled this Case, *A.* surrendered a Copyhold Estate to the Use of his Will, and then devised it to *B.* for Life, and after his Decease to the Heirs of his Body: *B.* died after making the Will (living *A.*) and it was held that the Heir of *B.* could take nothing, for it is a Devise in Tail to *B.* and *his Heirs* are Words of Limitation, and then *B.* dying in the Life of *A.* it is the same Case with *Fuller* against *Fuller* in *Cro. Eliz.* and *Goodright* against *Right*, and the Chief Justice said it made no Difference that those Cases were of Freehold Lands, and this of Copyhold, where the Devisee was living at the Time of the Surrender.

Vendor, Wit-
ness as to
Title where
no Covenant
for Warranty.

In this Case a Person, who had sold the Inheritance without any Covenant for good Title or Warranty, was allowed to be a Witness to prove the Title of the Vendee.

The

The same Term.

Dry *against* Sutton.

ACTION against the Defendant as a single Woman for Goods sold and delivered; the Defence was a Marriage with one Major *Twistleton* about the Time the Goods were sold; and upon the Defendant's Evidence it appeared to be a Match struck up on a sudden, the Lady not knowing she was to be married when she went out, and a short Cohabitation for a Fortnight in a Village about the Town; the Defendant at that Time living in Town, where the Plaintiff also lived, and furnished her with Goods.

Former Marriage allowed in Evidence against a Defence of Coverture.

It was offered for the Plaintiff to encounter this Evidence by proving the Major was married twenty Years ago to another Woman who is still living; and it was objected to on the other Side, as tending to charge him with Felony; but the Chief Justice permitted it, the second Marriage being Clandestine, and no notorious Cohabitation to enforce a Presumption, That the Goods were sold on the Major's Credit; and having fully proved the Marriage, the Chief Justice directed the Jury to find for the Plaintiff.

Select Cases relating to Evidence.

Plaintiff, the Promise being made by the Defendant in the Capacity of a Feme Sole.

Jocelyn *against* Hawkins.

At Guildball, before Pratt Chief Justice.

In Contracts
for Stock the
Computation
must be by
Lunar
Months.

THE Contract was to deliver Stock one Month after; the Tender was according to the Calendar Month; but the Chief Justice ruled it must be a Lunar Month, though many Witnesses were called to prove the Course of the Alley to be to reckon according to Calendar Months. So Plaintiff nonsuit. See 4 *Mod.* 185.

Anonymus.

In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.

Action against
Constable
where confined to proper
County.

TRESPASS and Assault. On the Evidence it appeared the Defendant was a Constable, and lived at *Dover*, and that being ordered to take the Plaintiff and carry him before the Mayor, he executed his Warrant, and the Mayor discharged the Plaintiff; soon after which a Dispute happening between the Plaintiff and the Defendant, the Defendant beat the Plaintiff, for which this Action was brought.

For the Defendant they insisted, That he being a Constable, they should have brought

brought the Action in the proper County according to 21 *Jac.* 1.

But by *Pratt* Chief Justice, That is only where it is for a Matter relating to the Execution of his Office ; but if after his Authority is expired, he abuses the Party, or if he meets a Man and knocks him down, he may be sued for it, as all other People may.

The same Term.

The King *against* Jefferies.

KEEBLE's Statutes and *Rastal*'s differed, and they who were for adhering to *Keeble*, proved that they had examined it with the Parliament Roll. It was objected, That if it is to be read as a Copy, it ought to be upon Stamp ; but the Chief Justice ruled it was well enough, and so *Keeble* was read.

Printed statute Book Evidence.

Mich. the eighth of *George*.

Cary against Webster.

At Guildball, before Pratt Chief Justice.

THE Defendant was a Clerk of the *South-Sea* Company, and took in the Payments upon the third Subscription ; the Plaintiff paid him six hundred Pounds, and

Master and Servant where liable

he by Mistake never entered it in the Book, but however paid it over to the Company; and the Chief Justice ruled, that no Action would lie against him: That if he had not paid it over, the Plaintiff would have had his Option either to charge him or the Company; as in the common Case of Payment to a Goldsmith's Servant, who does not carry it to the Account of his Master, the Party has an Election to go against either; he may charge the Servant, because till the Money is paid over, the Servant receives it to his Use, or he may pass by the Servant, and make his Demand upon the Master; because the Payment to the Servant is made in Confidence of the Credit given him by the Master.

Borrett against Lyon.

In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.

Where a Fact is doubtful, it shall be presumed against the Party who can clear it up.

THE Plaintiff delivered a laced Head to the Defendant (who was at that Time a married Woman) to dispose of for her, and answer her the Produce: The Head was sold, but whether in the Husband's Life or not, the Plaintiff could not make appear; but in order to charge the Wife, she proved, that after the Husband's Death she had owned the Disposal of it,

paid one Guinea in Part, and promised to pay the rest; and the Chief Justice ruled, That neither the Coverture nor the Statute of Frauds would stand in the Plaintiff's way, for he would intend it was disposed of after the Husband's Death, so as to make it a Promise for her own Debt, and the Forbearance *prima facie* was a good Consideration, unless the Defendant would shew there was no original Cause of Action by a Sale in the Life of the Husband, thereby to turn the Plaintiff over for a Remedy against his Executors.

The same Term.

Atwood against Dent.

THE Plaintiff called a Witness who was set aside upon an Objection made by the Defendant; but afterwards the Defendant himself thought fit to call him, and then the Plaintiff opposed his being examined; but the Chief Justice ordered him to be sworn, for he is a good (nay a better Witness) for the Defendant, though he is not to be admitted against him.

The Party who excepts to a Witness may call him afterwards.

The

The same Term.

Dickenfon and Wife *against* Davis.

In an Action
by Baron and
Feme the
Defendant, on
the general
Issue, shall
not controvert
the Marriage.

TRESPASS by Husband and Wife for an Assault upon the Wife; and on Not guilty, the Defendant would have given in Evidence that the Man had a former Wife still living, and then the Defendant could not be guilty of such a Beating for which the Plaintiff was intitled to Damages; and Not guilty does not go barely to say, I did not beat this Woman, but I did not beat the Plaintiff's Wife.

But by *Pratt* Chief Justice: I can never allow it; you might have pleaded this in Abatement, and then they would have had an Opportunity to meet you upon that Question; whereas if I was to let you into it now, the honestest Couple in the World may be branded for Adulterers.

The same Term.

Moody *against* Thurston.

Act of the
Commis-
sioners of the
Army, con-
clusive Evi-
dence.

BY the Act for stating the Debts of the Army the Commissioners have Power to call the Officers and Agents before them, and if it appears there is any Money due from

from one to the other, the Commissioners are to give the Party a Certificate, and he may maintain an Action for the Money as upon a stated Account. The Plaintiff now produced his Certificate, and the Defendant offered in Evidence his Accounts, by which he said it would appear he had at that Time no Money in his Hands; and besides, the Commissioners had never heard him; but on the first Summons made the Certificate, and refused to give him Time to produce his Accounts. But the Chief Justice would not let him into this Evidence, being of Opinion that the Certificate was conclusive.

The King against Vincent and another.

At the Old Bailey.

INDICTMENT for forging a Will relating to personal Estate; and on the Trial a Forgery was proved; but the Defendant producing a Probat, that was held to be conclusive Evidence in Support of the Will.

Probat of the Will, good Defence against Forgery.

Hilary, eighth of George, B. R.

Lord Bernard against Saul.

ON a Motion for Leave to plead double, the Court declared, That on *Non ass.* the

On *Non ass.* an usurious Contract may be given in Evidence.

the Defendant might give in Evidence an usurious Contract; because that makes it a void Promise, but in the Case of a Specialty it must be pleaded. And at the Trial on the general Issue the Defendant was admitted into that Evidence, and the Plaintiff was nonsuit.

Hilary, eighth of George.

The King against Reason and Tranter.

Declaration
of a dying
Man Evidence
against
the Murderer.

ON an Indictment for Murder the Defendants were tried at the Bar; the Counsel for the King were allowed to give in Evidence several Declarations made by the deceased upon his Death-Bed, whereby he charged the Defendants with barbarously murdering him; and the Witness said, that on a second Examination he, for more Certainty, took down the deceased's Words in Writing (a Justice, of Peace having given him his Oath); but the Original being in the Custody of the Justice, it could not be produced, and therefore they offered a Copy of it; whereupon a Debate arose, whether this Copy was Evidence or not? The King's Counsel insisted, that the first Paper being only the Writing of the Witness,

ness, not signed by the deceased, this which was now produced was as much an Original as that; but the Court refused to let it be read, because the Original might have been produced.

It was then objected by the Chief Justice, That since the written Evidence was not produced, the whole Evidence of the deceased's Declarations ought to be rejected; for the first, second and third being all to the same Effect are but one Fact, of which the best Evidence was not produced, and therefore he was of Opinion that we could not be let in to give any Account of the first and third Conference. But the other Judges were of Opinion we might, saying they were three distinct Facts, and there was no Reason to exclude the Evidence as to the first and third Declaration, merely because we were disabled to give an Account of the second.

Williams against Johnson.

In Middlesex, before King Chief Justice.

THE Plaintiff brought his Action against the Daughter's Husband for her Wedding Cloaths; and the Defence was that the Goods were furnished on the Credit of the Father; and to prove this the

Wife Witness
to prove
Goods delivered on
Husband's
Credit,

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Mother

Mother who was present at the chusing the Goods was called to charge her Husband, and allowed.

Clark against Tyson.

At Guildhall, before Pratt Chief Justice.

Tender of
Stock how to
be proved.

UPON an Issue whether Stock was tendered at the Day, the Plaintiff proved that though the Books were not open to make Transfers in the common Form, yet they were ready at the Office, and upon Leave from a Director there might have been a Transfer, it not being usual to deny it on such Occasions; but the Defendant not attending to accept the Stock, the Plaintiff contented himself with staying there all Day, but did not actually get Leave from a Director to have the Books open'd if the Defendant should come; and for this Omission the Chief Justice ruled it not to be a sufficient Tender, for there was a Possibility that Leave might not be given, and the Plaintiff had not done every thing in his Power: He ought to have prepared Matters so that if the Defendant had appeared, there might have been a Transfer immediately.

The

The same Term.

Mead against Hamond.

THE Plaintiff, according to the common Course of Dealing, delivered to the Defendant's Servant an Ingot of Gold to Essay; and it not being returned he brought Trover against the Master; and the Chief Justice directed the Jury, That the Delivery to the Servant was sufficient to maintain the Action against the Master, on proving a subsequent Demand and Refusal; so the Plaintiff had a Verdict.

Trover lies against the Master for Goods delivered to the Apprentice.

Armory against Delamirie.

In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.

THE Plaintiff, being a Chimney Sweep-er's Boy, found a Jewel and carried it to the Defendant's Shop (he being a Goldsmith) to know what it was, and delivered it into the Hands of the Apprentice, who, under Pretence of weighing it, took out the Stones, and calling to the Master to let him know it came to three half Pence; the Master offered the Boy the Money who refused to take it, and insisted to have the Thing again, whereupon the Apprentice

Finder of Jewel may bring Trover.

Select Cases relating to Evidence.

delivered him back the Socket without the Stones ; and now in Trover against the Master these Points were ruled.

1. That the Finder of a Jewel, though he does not by such finding acquire an absolute Property or Ownership, yet he has such a Property as will enable him to keep it against all but the rightful Owner, and consequently may maintain Trover.

2. That the Action well lay against the Master, who gives a Credit to his Apprentice, and is answerable for his Neglect.

3. As to the Value of the Jewel, several of the Trade were examined, to prove what a Jewel of the finest Water, that would fit the Socket, would be worth ; and the Chief Justice directed the Jury, that unless the Defendant did produce the Jewel, and shew it not to be of the finest Water, they should presume the strongest against him, and make the Value of the best Jewels the Measure of their Damages ; which they accordingly did.

Towers against Sir John Osborne.

At Guildhall, before Pratt Chief Justice.

Executory
Contracts not
within the
Statute of
Frauds.

THE Defendant bespoke a Chariot, and when it was made refused to take it ; and in an Action for the Value, it

was objected, That they should prove something given in earnest, or a Note in Writing, since there was no Delivery of any Part of the Goods. But the Chief Justice ruled this not to be a Case within the Statute of Frauds, which relates only to Contracts for the actual Sale of Goods, where the Buyer is immediately answerable without Time given him by special Agreement; and the Seller is to deliver the Goods immediately.

Dennison against Spurling.

In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.

IN an Action by an Infant, the Wife of the *Prochein Amy* called, and the Chief Justice allowed her to be a good Witness. The Wife of the *Prochein Amy* a Witness.

Clutterbuck against Lord Huntingtower.

THE Defendant's Guardian upon Record called for a Witness, and Chief Justice King would not allow him. Guardian on Record not.

Bargo against Williams.

At Guildhall, before Prat Chief Justice.

THE Chief Justice ruled, that a Skirmish at Sea before War actually declared Skirmish at Sea a declaring War within a Policy.

clared, was yet a Declaration of War within the Meaning of a Policy.

Hazard against Treadwell.

Before Pratt Chief Justice.

Where the Master is answerable for Goods delivered to the Servant on Trust.

THE Defendant who was a considerable Dealer in Iron, and known to the Plaintiff as such, though they had never dealt together before, sent a Waterman to the Plaintiff for Iron on Trust, and paid for it afterwards. He sent the same Waterman a second Time with ready Money, who received the Goods, but did not pay for them; and the Chief Justice ruled the sending him upon Trust the first Time, and paying for the Goods, was giving him Credit with the Plaintiff, so as to charge the Defendant upon the second Contract.

Snow against Como.

Where the Plaintiff is nonsuit on the Issue, contingent Damages on the Demurrer shall not be assessed.

THERE was a Demurrer to one Count, and an Issue on the other, and the *Venire* was awarded as well to try the Issue, as to assess contingent Damages upon the Demurrer. The Plaintiff was nonsuit upon the Issue, and the Chief Justice would not go on to assess the Damages, saying he had

had no Power so to do, the Plaintiff being out of Court.

Brownson against Avery.

A. Sells Goods to *B.* and afterwards *C.* Original Debtor taken as a Servant to prove Payment by another.
desires *D.* to pay *A.* and promises to repay him. *D.* pays *A.* and afterwards *B.* allows the Money to *D.* on Account, and in an Action against *C.* *B.* was called to prove the Account (it amounting to Payment); and it was objected, That the Contract being originally between *A.* and *B.* *B.* was still liable to *A.* and was therefore swearing to discharge himself; but the Chief Justice said he would allow him to be a Witness to prove the Payment, as a Servant to *C.*

Shuttleworth against Bravo.

BY the Bankruptcy Act it is provided, That if the Bankrupt has, within one Year before, lost five Pounds in one Day at Gaming, he shall not have his Certificate, nor the usual Allowance; and upon an Issue out of Chancery to try the Point of Gaming, a Creditor of the Bankrupt was called to prove the Gaming; but the Chief Justice would not allow him to be a Witness, because he would be intitled to

Creditor of Bankrupt no Witness to prove him a Gamester.

a Share out of the usual Allowance to the Bankrupt, which if he has not, by having forfeited it on Account of Gaming, the Dividend to the Creditor will be the larger.

Johnson against Woolyer.

Where in Replevin the Place is material.

REPLEVIN in *London*; Defendant appears upon an *Elongata*, and the Plaintiff declares for taking Guns *in quodam loco vocat'* the *Minories* in *London*; Defendant pleads *non cepit modo & forma*; and at the Trial the Plaintiff proved the Taking at *Rotherbith* in *Surrey*; upon which it was objected, that the Plaintiff had not proved his Issue, for the Place is material, and therefore Part of the Issue under the *modo & forma*. The Counsel for the Plaintiff admitted that it was traversable, but insisted that by not traversing it particularly, the Place was admitted, and could not be insisted on upon *non cepit*; but the Chief Justice held, That where the Plaintiff avows at a different Place, in order to have a Return, he must traverse the Place in the Count, because his Avowry is inconsistent with it; but when he does not insist upon a Return, he may plead *non cepit*, and prove the Taking to be at another Place, for it is material; whereupon the Plaintiff was nonsuit.

Man-

Manwaring against Harrifon.

UPON the 17th of *September*, (being *Saturday*) about two o'Clock in the Afternoon, *H.* gave to *M.* in Payment, a Note for one hundred Pounds, by *Mitford* and *Mertins* Goldsmiths, dated *September 5.* payable to *H.* or Order; the same Afternoon *M.* pays away the Note to *J. S.* *M.* and *M.* paid all *Saturday* and *Monday*, and on *Tuesday* Morning as soon as the Shop was opened, and before any Money paid *J. S.* came and demanded the Money, but *M.* and *M.* stopt Payment. The Plaintiff paid back the Money to *J. S.* and demanded it again of *H.* who refusing to pay it, an Action was brought, and on *Non ass.* the Chief Justice told the Jury that giving the Note is not immediately Payment, unless the Receiver does something to make it so, by neglecting to receive it in a reasonable Time, by which he gives Credit to the maker of the Note. He left it to them whether there had been any Neglect, and observed that the Note was payable to *Harrifon*, who had kept it eleven Days, and probably would not have demanded it sooner than *M.* did; it appearing the Goldsmiths were in full Credit all the while. The Jury desired they might find it specially,
and

Within what Time a Goldsmith's Note must be demanded.

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and leave it to the Court whether there was a reasonable Time ; but the Chief Justice told them they were Judges of that ; whereupon they found for Defendant, and declared it as their Opinion, That a Person who did not demand a Goldsmith's Note in two Days, took the Credit on himself.

Easter, the eighth of George, C. B.

Connor against Martin.

Feme Covert
cannot indorse
a Promissory
Note.

IT was held that a Feme Covert could not indorse a promissory Note made to herself, the Law having vested the Right in her Husband.

Trinity, the eighth of George.

Anonymus.

In Middlesex, before Pratt Chief Justice.

Declaration
of Wife,
where Evi-
dence against
her Husband.

THE Chief Justice allowed the Wife's Declaration, that she agreed to give four Shillings *per* Week for nursing a Child, was good Evidence to charge the Husband, this being a Matter usually transacted by the Women.

Mich.

Mich. the ninth of George.

Lock against Major.

BY 5 *Geo. c. 24. §. 30.* It is provided, ^{Bankrupt's Certificate no Evidence of the Bankruptcy.} 'That a Bankrupt's Certificate shall be given in Evidence, and be a full Discharge of any Action that shall be brought by any Creditor of such Bankrupt.' A Point was reserved at *Nisi Prius* before *Pratt* Chief Justice, whether it was not still necessary to prove an Act of Bankruptcy; and upon Debate in open Court they were all of Opinion it was, for the Word *such* was relative, and therefore he must be proved to be such a Person as is before described.

Mich. the ninth of George.

Thornton against Moulton.

At Guildhall, before Pratt Chief Justice.

AT the Opening of the Books the two ^{What a Tender of Stock.} Brokers met, and the selling Broker told the other he was ready to transfer; the other alledged it was usual to indulge the Buyer for two or three Days, and that he would find his Principal in that Time, which the other not disagreeing to, nothing

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more was done; and for want of having the Buyer called at the Books the first Day of the Opening, the Chief Justice ruled it not a good Tender; and the Plaintiff was nonsuit.

Hilary, the ninth of George.

James against Hatfield.

At Guildhall, before King Chief Justice.

What a Guardian said, admitted as Evidence against an Infant.

AN Infant brought an Action of Assault, and declared by Guardian, and to prove that this Witness was the Promoter of the Cause, and at the Expence of it, the Chief Justice allowed the Defendant to give in Evidence what the Guardian had declared to that Purpose, he being a Person liable to Costs.

Easter, the ninth of George.

Hayward against The Bank of England.

In what Time a Goldsmith's Bill must be tendered.

THE Plaintiff who kept Cash with the Bank, on *Saturday* left a Note for fifty Pounds on *Cox and Cleeve*: On *Monday* they gave it to the Runner who left it at the Shop in the Morning, where they can-

cancelled the Note ; but when he called in the Afternoon for the Money, according to his usual Practice, he found the Bankers had stopt Payment, whereupon he took a new Note of the same Tenour and Date ; and King Chief Justice directed the Jury that it would be dangerous to suffer Persons to deal with Notes in this Manner, and said the Common Pleas was of that Opinion in the like Case ; but however he directed they should only find the Value of the Note when cancelled ; upon which the Jury found twenty-five Pounds, the Goldsmiths having paid ten Shillings in the Pound.

Trinity, ninth of George.

Dale against Johnson.

*At Nisi Prius in Middlesex, before Pratt
Chief Justice.*

THE Defendant in the Action assigned for Error, that the Plaintiff died before Judgment ; and to prove it he called the Wife of the Plaintiff, and the Chief Justice allowed her to be a Witness.

Assigned for Error, that Plaintiff died before Judgment, which was proved by Plaintiff's Wife.

Mountcan

Mountcan *against* Willson.*Before Eyre and Fortescue Justices.*

All Acts done
by Commis-
sioners must
be signed du-
ring their Sit-
ting.

A Certificate from the Commissioners, for stating the Debts of the Army, was offered in Evidence, but rejected, because it appeared to be signed by one at a Time at their Houses; the Judges being of Opinion that it could only be signed sitting upon the Commission, like the Bishop of *Ferne's* Case.

Mich. the tenth of *George*.Ball *against* Bostock.*At Guildhall.*

Where a Per-
son may be
interested and
yet shall be a
Witness.

IN Trover for three *South-Sea* Bonds, the Case was this; *Ball* delivered to *Letchmere*, a Broker, those Bonds to sell, and they were picked out of his Pocket. Notice being given at the *Southsea* House, they were stopt by Mr. *Henry*, one of the Clerks, upon *Bostock's* bringing them to receive the Interest. Upon this *Bostock* brought Trover against *Henry*, who at the Trial offered to prove the Property to be in *Ball* and *Letchmere* for that Purpose, but it appearing he had given Bond to indemnify the Company

Company in stopping the Bonds, *King* Chief Justice, refused to let him be examined, saying though there are many Instances where a Party shall be a Witness, though he is concerned in the Event of the Cause, yet there never was a Case of allowing one who had made himself liable to pay Costs in the Action; upon this the Plaintiff recovered. Then *Ball* brings Trover against *Bostock*, and at this Trial Exception was taken to *Letchmere's* Evidence, because if *Ball* should recover against *Bostock*, that would be set in Equity against the former Recovery by *Bostock* against *Henry*, and so discharge *Letchmere's* Bond; but the Chief Justice said that was too remote to exclude him from being a Witness, and went only to his Credit; whereupon he was sworn, and proved the Property in *Ball*, and that they were stolen. On the other Hand the Defendant proved that he bought them, at a Tavern, of a Clergyman, and paid three hundred Pounds in Money, besides the Interest: The Chief Justice left it to the Jury upon the Validity of the Sale, and they found for the Defendant.

Mich.

*Select Cases relating to Evidence.**Mich. the tenth of George.**Richardson against Atkinson.**At Nisi Prius in Middlesex, before Eyre and Fortescue, in the Absence of the Chief Justice.*

Taking Part
and spoiling
the rest is a
Conversion of
the whole.

THEY held that the drawing out Part of a Vessel and filling it up with Water was a Conversion of all the Liquor, and the Jury gave Damages as to the whole.

*Hilary, the tenth of George.**Bullock against Noke.**At Guildhall, before Pratt Chief Justice.*

Tender of
Stock must
be on the ve-
ry Day.

IN a Stock Cause the Plaintiff proved a Tender on the second Day of the Opening, and would have examined into the Custom of the Alley, which was to allow either Party a Day or two to tender or accept; but the Chief Justice refused to hear that Evidence, saying, their Usage could never alter the Law; and so the Plaintiff was called.

N. B. In *C. B. King* Chief Justice left it to the Jury upon such an Evidence, and they found it a good Tender.

Easter,

Easter, the tenth of George.

Dawling against Brooke.

At Guildhall, before King Chief Justice.

DEBT on a joint Bond against two Defendants setting out *Quod ipse* (one of them) *simul cum A. B. qui per Process' e Cur' dic. Dom. Reg' de Banco in Placito sup' brev' præd' habit' utlegat' exist' concessit se teneri, &c.* The Defendant pleaded *Non est Factum* of himself and *A. B.* and on Trial the Bond appeared to have been regularly executed by the now Defendant, and attested (as to his Execution) by two Witnesses. But as to *A. B.* there were no Witnesses, only his Hand and Seal appeared; and one of the Witnesses to the Execution by the Defendant, did depose that he believed *A. B.* did afterwards come in and execute it, but he would not be positive, not having ever seen him before or since. Upon this Evidence, and a Letter from *A. B.* to the Plaintiff inquiring whether the Defendant had paid the Money upon the Bond, the Chief Justice left it to the Jury, who found it *Factum* of both.

Evidence on
Non est Factum.

*Easter, the tenth of George.**Stevenson against Neynson.**On a Trial at Bar in B. R.*

Where there are two Qualifications to an Election of an Officer, he who has but one only must be a Witness as to the Right.

THE Question was, Whether the Plaintiff was qualified to be elected Common Councilman of *Appleby*. The Defendant attempted to disqualify him by setting up two Qualifications which he had not, *viz.* a Burgage Tenure, and being an Inhabitant, and to prove this called one who was an Inhabitant, but had not a Burgage Tenure. It was objected, that he was no Witness to narrow the Right and confine it to Burgage Tenants and Inhabitants, having one of the Qualifications himself, and therefore so far interested as he was nearer the Right he set up than other Persons; but the Court said there was a Necessity of allowing such People in a Question of this Nature, since they must best know the Right; besides he was in Effect a Witness against himself, by saying, though I am an Inhabitant, yet I have no Right to be chosen, because I have not a Burgage Tenure.

Trinity,

Trinity, the tenth of George.

Oates against Machen.

*At Nisi prius in Middlesex, before Fortescue
and Raymond Justices.*

IN an Action of Escape against the Marshal it was alledged, that the Prisoner was surrendered to him at the Chief Justice's Chamber in the Parish of *St. Brides*; whereas it appeared upon the Evidence that it was in the Parish of *St. Dunstan*. But the Judges held it well enough, this being Debt, and the Surrender the only thing material, and that it differed from the Case of Trespas, where every Part of the Declaration is descriptive.

Where in a Declaration the Description of a Place is material.

N. B. The Defendant was in Execution for the Costs in Ejectment, and it was held good Notice within the Statute *W. 3.* if signed by the Lessor of the Plaintiff.

The same Term.

Boddy against Smith.

At Guildhall, before King Chief Justice.

EJECTMENT for an House in the Parish of *St. Peter* in the Ward of *Cheap*; the Defendant proved it was in the Ward of *Farringdon without*, and that no Part of the Parish of *St. Peter* was in the

Where in a Declaration the Description is material.

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Ward

Ward of *Cheap*; and the Plaintiff was nonsuit.

The same Term.

The King *against* Moise.

Before Fortescue and Raymond Justices.

Proprietor of Note a Witness on Indictment for tearing.

Easter 10 Ann. Queen against Brent. In Information for extorting a Bond, the Obligor allowed.

INdictment against the Defendant for tearing a Note, whereby he promised to pay to *A. B.* so much Money; *A. B.* was produced as a Witness; and it was objected that it was Swearing to set up his own Demand; because if Defendant was convicted, the Court would oblige him to give a new Note; but the Judges allowed him.

The same Term.

Duel *against* Harding.

In Middlesex, before Fortescue and Raymond Justices.

Servant Witness in an Action by Master for beating him.

IN an Action for beating his Servant, whereby he lost his Service, they allowed the Servant to be a Witness.

The

The same Term.

Underwood *against* Hewson.

THE Defendant was uncocking a Gun, and the Plaintiff standing to see it; it went off and wounded him; and at the Trial it was held, that the Plaintiff might maintain Trespass.

Trespass lies for an Accidental Hurt.

Easter, tenth of George, B. R.

Sir Christopher Musgrave *against* Nevinson.

ON a Trial at Bar a Corporator of *Appleby* was put to prove his receiving the Sacrament within a Year before his Election, it being recent; and therefore the Court required it, though no Notice was given him for that Purpose.

A Corporator on a Recent Prosecution must prove his Qualification.

Mich. the eleventh of George.

East India Company *against* Glover.

At Guildhall, before Pratt Chief Justice,

THE Plaintiffs declared upon a Sale of Coffee at so much *per* hundred, which the Defendant was to take away by

Suffering Judgment to go by Default is an Admission of the Contract declared on.

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such a Time, or answer in Damages. There was a Judgment by Default; and on executing Writs of Inquiry before Chief Justice *Pratt* at *Guildhall*, he refused to let the Defendant in to give Evidence of Fraud on the Side of the Plaintiffs at the Sale, because he said the Defendant had admitted the Contract to be as the Plaintiffs had declared, by suffering Judgment by Default, instead of pleading *Non ass.* and now they were only upon the *Quantum* of Damages.

Easter, the eleventh of *George*.

The King *against* the Bishop of Chester.

A Deed is good though executed before stamp.

UPON a Writ of Error out of the County Palatine of *Lancaster*, it appeared upon a Bill of Exceptions that a Deed produced in Evidence was not stampd at the Time of executing it; and the whole Court were of Opinion it was proper Evidence, being stampd at the Time it was produced; for they said the Act never intended to avoid Deeds that were not stamped, but only to add a Penalty to enforce the Duty, and here the Penalty had been paid. Judgment affirmed.

Trinity,

Trinity, the eleventh of George.

Chark against Godfrey, C. B.

IT was settled by the Court on great Consultation, and delivered in a solemn Resolution by *Eyre* Chief Justice, That an Attorney's Bill must be delivered on the 3d of *Jac.* 1. c. 7. before any Action brought, that so the Client may have an Opportunity of looking into it before he is run to any further Expence.

Practice in
delivering At-
torney's Bills.

The same Term.

Shank, qui tam, against Payne.

*In Middlesex, before Raymond Chief Justice,
B. R.*

IN a *Qui tam* on the Statute of Usury, the Chief Justice refused to let the Party to the Contract be a Witness to prove the Repayment of the Money, because till that was proved he was no Witness at all.

Party to us-
urious Contract
cannot be
called to
prove Pay-
ment.

The King against Azire.

ON Indictment against the Husband for an Assault upon the Wife, the Chief Justice allowed her to be a good Witness

Wife Witness
against Hus-
band.

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for the King, and cited Lord *Audley's Case*
Vol. I. *State Trials*.

The King against Fletcher.

Where one
Defendant is
fined, he is a
Witness for
the other.

TWO were indicted for an Assault, one submitted, and was fined one Shilling, and paid it; the other pleaded Not guilty; and upon the Trial the Chief Justice allowed him to call the other Defendant, the Matter being now at an End as to him,

Mich. the twelfth of George.

Hall against Cove.

Trial by
twelve Talef-
men.

IT was agreed to be Common Practice in the Circuits, that if but one Juror appears, and he is challenged, there may be twelve Talefmen sworn, and try the Cause.

Shelling against Farmer.

At Guildhall, before Eyre Chief Justice, C. B.

Seizing an
House in the
East Indies is
not triable
here.

IN an Action of Trespafs and Imprisonment for Facts done in the *East Indies*, the Plaintiff laid them all (being transitory) in *London*, and declared for seizing the Plaintiff's House situate at *London* aforesaid, in the Parish and Ward aforesaid. It was objected

objected for Defendant, that the Trespass as to the House, was local, and they could not give Evidence of seizing a House in the *East Indies*; and *Eyre* Chief Justice refused to let the Plaintiff give Evidence as to the House, comparing it to the Case of Rent for an House at *Barbadoes*, where it has been held, you may bring Covenant for the Rent in *England*, but an Action of Debt, which is local, cannot be brought here.

In the Course of the Evidence it appeared the Action was brought against the Defendant for an Imprisonment by him as Governor of a Factory in the *East Indies*; and for his Defence he alledged that he had Orders from the Company so to do, and appealed to the Company's Books of Letters, &c. which he desired might be produced.

Counsel attended on behalf of the Com-
pany, to desire to be excused, alledging
that these were not of the nature of pub-
lick Books, which every Body has a Right
to have access to, and of which Copies are
Evidence; whereas those related only to the
private Transactions of the Company, and
it might be of mischievous Consequence, if
in every Action wherein the Company is
not concerned, they should be obliged to
lay open the Secrets of their Trade, and
disclose to all the World a whole Series of
Letters and Correspondence between them
and

East India
Company
not obliged to
produce
Books of
Letters, &c.

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and their Agents : However they said they had the Books and Papers there, and submitted to the Directions of the Court.

The Chief Justice said he would not oblige the Company to produce them, and so left the Company at their Liberty, who, thereupon refused to produce them, and they were carried back again to the *East India House*.

The Action was against the Defendant as Deputy Governor, and on Not guilty he gave in Evidence a Release given by the Plaintiff to the *East India Company* in Pursuance of an Award, whereby reciting he had sustained several Injuries by the Company's Agents, particularly the Deputy Governor; therefore they awarded him one thousand Pounds, and order him to give a general Release: The Defendant being no Party to that Release could not plead it; but the Chief Justice allowed him to give it in Evidence, in mitigation of Damages, and these not being private Papers it was consented, on behalf of the Company, that they should be produced.

Where an Award is made to take in all Matters, shall not be admitted to shew any thing was not taken into Consideration.

The Plaintiff in Reply would have called the Arbitrators to prove that they refused to take into Consideration the Occasion of this Action, which was for the private personal Wrong. But the Award and Release having

having general Words sufficient to take in all, the Chief Justice would not suffer any Evidence to be given to contradict the Award; so the Jury found for the Plaintiff (as they could not help doing, the Defendant having pleaded Not guilty) and gave him a Shilling Damages.

Morris against Martin.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

ACTION for Meat, &c. provided for Defendant's Wife. The Defendant proved she went away from him with an Adulterer; and the Chief Justice held that the Husband should not be charged for Necessaries for her, though the Plaintiff who provided for her had no Notice. And he said Chief Justice *Holt* always ruled it so; and he put the Case of an Apothecary who took a sick Woman into his House, being the Wife of a Country Gentleman, from whom she had gone with an Adulterer, (*Todd against Stoakes, Mich. 8 W. 3. at Guildhall*) so the Plaintiff was nonsuited.

Where Wife goes away with an Adulterer, the Husband cannot be charged for Necessaries.

Martin and others against Horrell.

THE Plaintiffs were Goldsmiths, and one *Stone*, their Apprentice overpaid a Bill

Goldsmith's Servant who overpays Money is a Witness in Action for it again.

a Bill ten Pounds; and in an Action for Money had and received to the Plaintiffs Use the Chief Justice allowed *Stone* to be a Witness; though it was objected that unless the Money was recovered back from the Defendant, *Stone* would be answerable to the Plaintiffs. But the Chief Justice said he did it *ex necessitate* of the thing, and it would be of mischievous Consequence, if in Transactions of this Nature a Goldsmith's Servant should not be a Witness; so the Plaintiffs recovered the ten Pounds.

Weaver *against* Boroughs.

Where there is a special Agreement, the Plaintiff cannot go upon a general *Indeb' Ass.*

THE Plaintiff declared on a special Agreement for the Hire of a Horse at two Shillings and Sixpence a Day, and to keep him so many Days, and return him safe at the End of the Time. There was likewise an *Indeb' Ass.* for the Hire, and on the Trial the Plaintiff could not prove the special Agreement in the Manner he had laid it, and therefore his Counsel would have had Recourse to the *Indeb' Ass.* to recover only the Hire. But the Chief Justice was of Opinion, that the Agreement for two Shillings and Sixpence a Day being laid as Part of the special Agreement, which was not proved, he could not let them separate that Clause, and recover for the Hire, as they might

might have done on a general *Indeb' Ass.* it not being a Debt, unless the Agreement had been proved; and he put the Case of a Contract for Goods at a certain Price, where the Plaintiff is never suffered to recover upon the *Quantum Meruit*; so the Plaintiff was called.

Wilkinson against Lutwidge.

CASE upon a Bill of Exchange against the Acceptor; and it was objected, that the Plaintiff should not be admitted to prove the Acceptance until he had proved the Hand of the Drawer; and a Difference was taken between this Case and the Case of an Action against the Indorfor who is liable, though the Bill be not signed by the Person who is supposed to draw it, because an Indorfor is in the Nature of a new Drawer; whereas an Acceptor is not liable unless the Bill was fairly signed by the Drawer. But as to this the Chief Justice was of Opinion, that the Proof of an Acceptance was a sufficient Acknowledgment on the Part of the Acceptor, who must be supposed to know the Hand of his own Correspondent; but he said it would not be conclusive Evidence, and therefore if the Defendant could shew the contrary, the

In an Action against Acceptor of Bill need not prove the Hand of the Drawer.

Reading

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Reading the Bill on behalf of the Plaintiff should not preclude him.

Whereupon the Bill was read, and the Question came upon the Validity of the Acceptance, as to which the Case was this:

What amounts to an Acceptance of a Bill of Exchange.

The Bill was drawn from *New England* for a Sum of Money advanced there to fit out a Ship that had put in there, after having been taken by Pirates: The Bill was drawn upon the Defendant who was the Freighter, and he living at *Whitehaven*, the Plaintiff applied to a Merchant in *London*, who was his Correspondent, to get him to send this Bill and another of one hundred and fifty Pounds, drawn by the same Person and on the same Account. He sent both Bills inclosed to the Defendant, who by Letter acknowledged the Receipt of it, and writes thus; ‘ The two Bills of Exchange
‘ which you sent me, I will pay them in
‘ case the Owners of the *Queen Anne* do
‘ not, and they living in *Dublin* must first
‘ apply to them; I hope to have their Answer in a Week or ten Days; I do not
‘ expect they will pay them, but I judge
‘ it proper to take their Answer before I
‘ do, which I request you will acquaint
‘ Mr. *Wilkinson* with, and that he may
‘ rest satisfied of the Payment.’

In another Letter he writes, ‘ I have not
‘ had an Opportunity of sending the Bills
‘ you

‘ you sent me, to the Owners of the *Queen Anne* to *Ireland*, but will take the first Opportunity, and then shall remit to the Gentleman concerned according to my Promise.’

The Defendant upon this paid the hundred and fifty Pounds Bill, but in this Action insisted that it did not amount to an Acceptance, being only conditional to pay it in case the Owners of the *Queen Anne* did not, and his Promise to procure it from them was in Favour of the Plaintiff. But the Chief Justice was of Opinion, that it was rather in Favour of himself, and he having undertaken to write to them, it was not incumbent on the Plaintiff to shew any Application to them; and as to the Acceptance it was in his Opinion, a very strong one; the Bill was presented to the Defendant, says he this is a good Bill, and I will pay it: You need not protest it, for it shall be paid; I only desire that for my Convenience you would stay till I can write to the Owners in *Ireland*, who I do not expect will do any thing in it: This will be of Service to me, and as to you, you shall be secured, for I promise you shall have the Money at all Events.

The Bill being payable thirty Days after Sight, the Jury gave Interest from thirty Days after the Date of the first Letter, Interest given from the Time of Acceptance. which

which acknowledged the Receipt of the Bill.

Syderbottom against Smith.

In Middlesex, before Eyre Chief Justice, C. B.

In Action against Indor-
for must prove
Demand on
Drawer.

*Vide Salk.
Tit. Bill, &c.*

IN an Action against the Indorfor of a promissory Note, the Chief Justice directed the Jury to find for the Defendant, because the Plaintiff had not proved Diligence to get the Money of the Drawer, being of the old Opinion, that the Indorfor only warrants upon the Default of the Drawer. 2.

Norcott against Orcott.

A Creditor
allowed to
prove Debtor
not intitled to
his Discharge
on the Mint
Act.

THE Defendant pleaded the Mint Act, and the Issue to be tried was, whether he was a Shelterer within the *Mint* on the 11th of *February* 1722. To prove him at Large at that Time, the Plaintiff called several of the Creditors; and it was objected that they were not good Witnesses to prove it, being interested in the Event of the Question; and the Case of *Shuttleworth* and *Bravo* was cited, where on an Issue out of Chancery, to try whether a Bankrupt had forfeited the Allowance out of his Estate by Gaming, contrary to the Act, it was refused

refused to let any of the Creditors be sworn to prove a Gaming, because that was swearing to increase their own Dividend.

The Chief Justice allowed that Case, but said that affected all the Creditors, whereas here the Plaintiff only was at present concerned: He said it would go to their Credit, but not to their Competency; so they were sworn.

Powel against Hord, Sheriff of Oxfordshire.

In Middlesex, before Raymond Chief Justice.

ACTION for false Return of *Non est* Sheriff's Bailiff no Witnesses to prove an Attempt to arrest.
invent. on Mesne Process, and the Chief Justice refused to let the Defendant prove by the Bailiff who had the Warrant, that he had endeavoured to execute it, because he had given Security, so that it was his own Cause in Effect.

The Sheriff being not able to excuse the Return, it was attempted to mitigate the Damages by shewing that the Defendant was still visible, and it being only Mesne Process the Debt was not lost, and the Measure of Damages should be only the Expence of the Process. The Chief Justice in his Direction inclined to give the Plaintiff the whole Debt of forty three Pounds

In Action for false Return on Mesne Process the Jury may give the whole Debt in Damages.

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(it being an Action of Debt on a Judgment) because there was but a Possibility of the Plaintiff's recovering against the original Defendant. He said it would depend on Circumstances, and if the Defendant had been a Man of Estate, and so no Danger, he should think the Debt would be too much to give; but that not being this Case, the Jury found the whole Debt in Damages with the Opinion of the Chief Justice; and afterwards the Plaintiff moved for a new Trial; and upon the Chief Justice's stating the Case as it appeared upon the Evidence, the whole Court were of Opinion the Chief Justice had done right in refusing the Bailiff to be a Witness, and that as to the point of Damages the Verdict was right, and there ought to be no new Trial.

Stone against Lingwood.

At Guildhall, before Eyre Chief Justice.

In Trover
the Defen-
dant cannot
justify detain-
ing Goods till
Money laid
out upon them
is paid.

THE Plaintiff was Captain of a Ship, and the Defendant Owner. The Plaintiff brought over a small Parcel of Elephant's Teeth on his own Account, and a large Parcel for the Defendant, who entered the whole at the Custom-House, paid the Duty, and had the whole delivered out to him; and not redelivering to the Captain his

his Parcel, an Action of Trover was brought; and it was insisted for Defendant, that the Plaintiff should shew a Tender of the Duty, otherwise the Goods were in the Nature of a Pledge, and he was not bound to deliver them. But the Chief Justice said that would not justify the Defendant in keeping them, for he had his Action for the Money, and if he would shew what the Duty came to, it should be deducted in Damages.

Riley against Hicks.

*In Middlesex, before Raymond Chief Justice,
B. R.*

THE Plaintiff declares, that the 24th of February 1723 she demised to the Defendant a Chamber, a Cellar, and Half a Shop, to hold from *Lady-day* then next, for a Quarter of a Year, and so from Quarter to Quarter so long as both Parties shall please, at five Pounds a Quarter.

Leases by Parol for three Years to commence at a future Day are good.

It was objected by *Whitaker*, that this being to commence at a future Day was but a Lease at Will since the Statute of Frauds: The Chief Justice at first thought it a good Objection, but upon further Consideration he was of Opinion, that the Exception was not confined to Leases that were to com-

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mence from the Time of making, but was general as to all Leases that were not to hold for above three Years from the making; so the Plaintiff had a Verdict.

Titus against Lady Preston.

At Guildhall, before Gilbert Chief Baron.

Change Alley
Computation
is to be taken
by Calendar
Months.

DEBT on Bond; Defendant pleaded that the Money was lent from the 24th of *August* to the 24th of *May*, for a Premium of one hundred and fifty Guineas, and on Evidence it appeared the Bargain was for nine Months: It was objected for Plaintiff to be a Variance, because Months must be taken to be Lunar, and not Calendar, and then it does not come so far as the 24th of *May*. But the Chief Baron thought it well enough, the general Understanding being of Calendar Months in Cases of this Nature; so Defendant had a Verdict.

Moreland against Bennet.

In Middlesex, before Raymond Chief Justice.

If any Interest was paid upon an old Bond after the Day, it must be a Plea upon the Statute.

TO a Bond of thirty Years standing the Defendant pleaded *Solvit ad Diem*, and relied upon the Presumption. The Plaintiff

Plaintiff in Answer could only prove Payment of Interest two Years after the Time mentioned in the Condition, but gave no Evidence of any Receipt or Demand for twenty-eight Years past. The Chief Justice was of Opinion that this Plea of Payment at the Day was to be taken as strictly in this Case, which went only upon the Presumption, as in any other Case; and the Plaintiff having falsified the Plea by shewing a Payment of Interest two Years after, it was not enough to say the other twenty-eight Years were enough to let in the Presumption, because to take Advantage of that the Defendant should have pleaded upon the Act, for Amendment of the Law, that he paid the Money after the Day, in which Case it would have been with him upon this Evidence,

The King against Fox.

ON an Indictment for an Assault it was proved that the Prosecutor had laid a Wager that he should convict the Defendant; and the Chief Justice held him to be a good Witness for the King, though it might go to his Credit.

Laying a Wager does not incapacitate for a Witness.
3 Lev. 152.
2 Mod. Cases
31.

Fowler against Sir Thomas Samwell.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

Where a Debt is to arise upon a Condition subsequent, there must be an exact Performance to intitle the Plaintiff to recover on a general *Indebt* Ass.

FOWLER, being the surviving Partner of *Nicholls*, brought an Action upon the following Note, and likewise declared on an *Indebit' Assumpsit*. 'Received and 'borrowed of *Richard Nicholls* and Co, 'four thousand five hundred Pounds, which 'I promise to repay with Interest on *his* 'transferring to me, or Order, five hundred 'and fifty Pounds *South Sea Stock*.' The Tender of Stock was proved to be after the Death of *Nicholls*, and the Chief Justice was of Opinion, that it being tied up to a Tender by *Nicholls* (who had Time during Life, if not hastened by Request) no Tender after his Death could make this an absolute Debt, recoverable upon an *Indebit' Assumpsit*. But the Plaintiff must go upon the special Count.

Grammer and others against Nixon.

At Guildhall, before Eyre Chief Justice.

Master liable for Fraud of Apprentice.

A Goldsmith's Apprentice sold an Ingot of Gold and Silver, upon a special Warranty that it was of the same Value
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per Ounce with an Essay then shewn. Upon the Evidence it appeared he had forged the Essay, and that the Ingot was made out of a Lodger's Plate which he had stolen. And the Chief Justice held the Master was answerable in this Case.

Easter, the ninth of *George*, Ro. 21.

Jones against Pearle.

IN Trover for three Horses the Defendant pleaded that he kept a publick Inn at *Glasenbury*, and that the Plaintiff was a Carrier, and used to set up his Horses there, and thirty-six Pounds being due to him for the Keeping the Horses, which was more than they were worth, he detained and sold them, as it was lawful for him to do. And on Demurrer, Judgment was given for the Plaintiff, an Innkeeper having no Power to sell Horses except within the City of *London*, 2 *Roll. Abr.* 85. 1 *Vent.* 71. *Mo.* 876. and besides, when the Horses had been once out, the Power of detaining them for what was due before did not subsist at their coming in again.

Innkeeper
cannot sell the
Guest's Horse
for keeping.

Mich. ninth of George, Ro. 363.

Acheson against Fountain.

The Order of an Indorsee may sue on a general Indorsement to him only.

UPON a Case made at *Nisi Prius* before *Pratt* Chief Justice, it appeared that the Plaintiff had declared on an Indorsement made by *William Abercrombie*, whereby he appointed the Payment to be to *Lewisa Acheson, or Order*; and upon producing the Bill in Evidence it appeared to be payable to *Abercrombie, or Order*, but the Indorsement was only in these Words, 'Pray pay the Contents to *Lewisa Acheson*,' and therefore it was objected, that the Indorsement not being to Order, did not agree with the Plaintiff's Declaration.

But upon Consideration the whole Court were of Opinion it was well enough, that being the legal Import of the Indorsement, and that the Plaintiff might upon this have indorsed it over to another, who would be the proper Order of the first Indorfor. Judgment for the Plaintiff.

Mich. the twelfth of George.

Burnaby's Case, In Chancery.

Being in Execution is a Satisfaction of the Debt.

THE Body of the Defendant was in Execution, and afterwards a Commission

mission of Bankrupt issues against him on the Petition of the Plaintiff in the Action; and Lord Chancellor *King* superseded it, because his Debt was satisfied in Consideration of Law, and he could not be a petitioning Creditor.

Mich. the twelfth of George.

The Duke of Somerset *against* France
and others.

ON a Trial at Bar on a feigned Issue touching the Duke's Right to a Fine, as next admitting Lord upon the Death of the Dutcheß, the Court refused to let the Lords of other Manors be Witnesses for the Duke: But they suffered the Payment by some other Tenants of the same Manor to be given in Evidence, as also the Customs of other Manors.

The Customs, but not the Lords of other Manors, allowed to be given in Evidence.

Browning against Newman.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

THIS was an Action upon the Case, for these Words, 'You are a Thief' and I will prove you so,' The Plaintiff declared that by Reason of the Defendant's speaking them, one *John Merry* and divers others

Case for Words, by which he lost the Custom of J. S. and several others: the Plaintiff shall only be admitted to prove the Loss of J. S.'s Custom particularly.

others, who were his Customers, left off dealing with him in Trade.

Upon the Trial the Plaintiff proved the speaking the Words, and the special Damage as to *Merry*, and would have gone on to prove by several others, that they had likewise left off dealing with him by reason of the Defendant's speaking these Words.

But the Defendant opposed this; because (as he insisted) he could not be supposed to be prepared to answer such uncertain kind of Evidence.

The Chief Justice said, That in Actions for Words, which are not in themselves actionable, and where the special Damage is the *Gift* of the Action, this sort of Evidence is allowed, though the particular Instances of such Damages are not specified in the Declaration: But in Actions for Words, which are in themselves actionable (as the present Words are) particular Instances of special Damage shall not be given in Evidence, unless particularized in the Declaration; and therefore he thought the Plaintiff could not be allowed to give particular Instances of the Loss of any other Customer, except *Merry*. He said that he had known it ruled otherwise; but this was his Opinion: However he admitted the Plaintiff to give general Evidence of the Loss of Customers.

But he may
give Evidence
of the Loss of
other Custo-
mers.

Carter

Carter against Shepherd.

TROVER for a Goldsmith's Note for one hundred Pounds; the Fact was, C. had a Note of *Shepherd's*; while *Shepherd* was paying him the Money, C. put fifty Pounds into his Bag of the Money after it was told and laid on the Counter, while the rest was telling, during which Time the fifty Pounds in the Bag was stolen; and the Question was whether *Carter* by putting the Money in the Bag had so appropriated it to himself that he should stand to the Loss thereof; and the Court held that he should, for the Possession of it was the same as if he had put it in his Pocket, and he might have Detinue for it after it was in his Bag; accordingly the Court ordered, that whereas he had a Verdict for one hundred Pounds he should have a Judgment for one hundred Pounds, and make a Release for fifty Pounds on Record.

Putting Money into a Bag, is an Alteration of the Possession.

Car against King.

DEBT against the Husband for lodging of his Wife; and the Proof was only that he formerly cohabited with her, and owned her as his Wife; and held sufficient to charge him, but that he might discharge himself by Elopement.

Cohabitation is enough to charge the Husband, who may discharge himself by Elopement.

discharge himself by giving Elopement in Evidence, for they that will trust a Wife that has eloped, do it at their Peril.

Dillon against Crawley.

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Case argued M.
Proff of an
Indorsement
under the
Hand of the
Obligor is
good Proof of
the Bond.

ERROR of a Judgment upon a Demurrer to Evidence in the Common Pleas; a Witness to the Sealing and Delivery of a Deed being subpoenaed did not appear, but to prove it the Party's Deed, they proved an Indorsement made by him thereupon three Years, after reciting a Proviso within, that if he paid such a Sum the Deed should be void, and acknowledging the said Sum was not paid, and a Fine was levied of the very Lands mentioned in the Deed to *Crawley*, and by the Indorsement he expressly owned it to be his Deed; and upon this the Deed was read; and now it was objected, that this was not good Evidence, because not the best the nature of the Thing would bear, but only circumstantial, which ought never to be admitted where better may be had from the nature of the Thing; because Circumstances are fallible and doubtful; and it is upon this Reason that a Copy of a Record is good, because one cannot have the Record itself, but a Copy of a Copy will not do. Upon *Non est factum* to a Bond, one of the Witnesses

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nesses being subpoenaed did not appear, and it was offered to prove that he owned it his Bond, but it was denied to be allowed.

Holt : Can there be better Evidence of a Deed than to own it, and recite it under his Hand and Seal? Judgment affirmed by the whole Court.

Easter Term 1709.

Lord Anglesea against Lord Altham.

ON a Trial at Bar, in the King's Bench, on an Issue out of Chancery, Lord Chief Justice *Holt* allowed the Deposition of one in *Ireland* to be read, because he was not within the Reach of any Process of the Court. *Cro. Jac.* 542.

Deposition of
one in *Ire-*
land read.

Mich. the twelfth of *George.*

Jeffries against Austin.

In Middlesex, before Eyre Chief Justice.

IN an Action upon the Case, upon a promissory Note brought by the Person to whom it was payable, the Chief Justice let the Defendant in to shew that it was delivered in the nature of an Escrow, *viz.* as a Reward in Case he procured the Defendant to be restored to an Office, which it

Consideration
of promissory
Notes inquired into.

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being proved he did not effect, there was a Verdict for the Defendant.

Hilary, the twelfth of George.

Southerton against Whitlock.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

Infant bound
by Promise of
Payment at
full Age.

IT was held, that if Goods which are not Necessaries are delivered to an Infant; who after full Age ratifies the Contract by a Promise to pay, he is bound: And he left it to the Jury whether there was any Confirmation of the Contract at full Age.

Hilary, the twelfth of George.

East India Company against Pullen.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

If I send my
Servant with
the Goods,
the Carrier
is not liable.

ACTION against the Defendant as a Common Carrier, on an Undertaking to carry for Hire on the River *Thames*, from the Ship to the Company's Warehouses. Upon the Evidence it appeared the Defendant was a Common Lighterman, and that it was the Usage of the Company, on the unshipping of their Goods, to clap an Officer, who is called a Guardian, in the
Lighter,

Lighter, who, as soon as the Lading is taken in, puts the Company's Lock on the Hatches, and goes with the Goods to see them safe delivered at the Warehouse. It appeared to be done so in this Case, and Part of the Goods were lost.

The Chief Justice was of Opinion this differed from the common Case, this not being any Trust in the Defendant, and the Goods were not to be considered as ever having been in his Possession, but in the Possession of the Company's Servant, who had hired the Lighter to use himself; he thought therefore the Action was not maintainable, so the Plaintiffs were nonsuited.

Hilary, twelfth of George.

Geary against Harding.

In Middlesex, before Raymond Chief Justice.

IN an Action for scandalous Words, the Defendant was admitted, upon Not guilty, to give Evidence of the Truth of the Words in Mitigation of Damages.

In Slander, Evidence of the Truth of the Words may be given in Mitigation of Damages.

Hilary,

*Hilary, the twelfth of George.**Chambers against Robinson.*

In an Action
for a malici-
ous Prosecu-
tion an Ad-
vertisement of
the Indict-
ment read.

IN an Action for a malicious Prosecution of an Indictment for Perjury, the Chief Justice allowed the Plaintiff to give in Evidence an Advertisement, put into the Papers by the Defendant, of the finding the Indictment with other scandalous Matter, though an Information had been granted for it as a Libel; not (as he said) that the Jury were to consider it in Damages, but only as a Circumstance of Malice.

The King against Travers.

*At Kingston Assizes, Lent, 1726, before
Raymond Chief Justice.*

What Age
the Law will
allow an In-
fant to be a
Witness at.

THE Defendant was indicted the last Summer Assizes for a Rape upon the Body of a Child then little more than six Years old, and because the Lord Chief Baron *Gilbert* refused to admit the Child as an Evidence against him, he was acquitted: But at the same Assizes an Indictment was found against him for an Assault, with an Intent to ravish the said Child; and this Indictment coming now to be tried before *Raymond* Chief Justice, the same Objection was

was made by *Comyns* and *Darnal*, Serjeants, viz. That the Girl being now but seven Years of Age could not be a Witness: They insisted that it had formerly been held, that none under twelve Years of Age could be admitted to be a Witness, and said that a Child of six or seven Years of Age, in point of Reason and Understanding ought to be considered as a Lunatick or Madman.

On the other Side it was said, that in Capital Cases which concerned Life, this Objection might be allowed, but in Cases of Misdemeanor only, as this was, such a Witness might be admitted: They insisted that the Objection went only to the Credit of the Witness; and *Hale's P. C.* says, that the Examination of one of the Age of nine Years has been admitted: And a Case at the *Old Baily* 1698 was cited, where, upon such an Indictment as this, *Ward*, Chief Baron, admitted one to be a Witness, who was under the Age of ten Years, after the Child had been examined about the Nature of an Oath, and had given a reasonable Account of it.

But *Raymond* Chief Justice held, that there was no Difference betwixt Offences Capital and lesser Offences, in this Respect; and that a Person who could not be a Witness in the one Case, could not in the other. The Reason why the Law prohibits the

Evidence of a Child so young, is because the Child cannot be presumed to distinguish betwixt Right and Wrong. No Person has ever been admitted as a Witness under the Age of nine Years, and very seldom under ten. In the *Old Bailey* in 1704, this Point was thoroughly debated in the Case of one *Steward*, who was indicted upon two Indictments for Rapes upon two Children. The first was a Child of ten Years and ten Months, and yet that Child was not admitted as a Witness, before other Evidence was given of strong Circumstances as to the Guilt of the Defendant, and before the Child had given a good Account of the Nature of an Oath: The second Indictment against *Steward* was attempted to be maintained by the Evidence of a Child of between six and seven Years of Age: But it was unanimously agreed, that a Child so young could not be admitted to be an Evidence; and the Child's Testimony was rejected without inquiring into any Circumstances to give it Credit. And it was merely upon the Authority of *Hale's P. C.* where it is said, that a Child of ten Years of Age may be a Witness, that the other Child of that Age was admitted to be a Witness in the first Indictment.

And in the present Case the Child was refused to be admitted a Witness, and there
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not being Evidence sufficient without her,
the Defendant was acquitted.

Easter, the twelfth of George.

Bredon qui tam, against Herman.

At Guildhall, before Eyre Chief Justice.

ACTION *Qui tam* for not registering Articles of Apprenticeship according to the Stamp Act. The Defendant pleaded *Nil debet*, and upon the Trial he offered in Evidence, a Record of a Recovery against him for the same Forfeiture by another Person, and so endeavoured to discharge himself by this, under the Plea of *Nil Debet*; and it was insisted for him that if it appeared that there was a Recovery against him by another Person for the same Forfeiture, he was thereby discharged against all Men, and owed nothing upon Account; and therefore it was very proper to give this Record in Evidence upon *Nil debet*. A former Recovery not to be given in Evidence on *Nil debet* in a *Qui tam*.

But *Eyre* Chief Justice denied this Record to be given in Evidence, and said the Defendant ought to have pleaded it, if he would take Advantage of it, for if it had been pleaded, the Plaintiff would have been at Liberty to have replied *Nul tiel Record*, or that it was a Recovery by Fraud to defeat a real Prosecutor, which he could not be prepared to shew upon this Issue.

*Trinity, the twelfth of George.**The King against Newport.**At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.*

Information
for a Libel
called the *Post-Boy*, when
Defendant
was only con-
cerned in one
Paragraph
thereof, not
sufficient.

INformation for a Libel, setting forth that the Defendant caused to be printed and published a scandalous Libel called the *Post-Boy* of ——— to ——— in which is contained the following scandalous Passage, and so sets out the Paragraph.

Upon the Trial it appeared the Defendant brought the Paragraph to the Printer, and desired him to publish it in the *Post-Boy*; and the Chief Justice was of Opinion this Evidence did not support the Information which charges him as the Publisher of the whole Paper, whereas it now appears he was concerned only in a Part of it. So the Defendant was acquitted.

The same Term.

*Manwairing against Sands.**In Middlesex, before Raymond Chief Justice.*

Husband not
chargeable for
Goods sold to
adulterous
Wife.

IN an Action against the Husband for a laced Head sold to the Wife, it was proved that the Wife lived from her Husband
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band in Adultery, and that she told the Plaintiff she had a Husband, but that signified nothing, for she would pay him herself: The Chief Justice held the Defendant not chargeable, and said he should have ruled it so if there had been no actual Notice, which only strengthened the Case.

The same Term.

Pepys against Sir John Lambert.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

THE third Indorsee of a promissory Note, kept it from the first of November to the seventh of January, without receiving it of the Maker of the Note; and in an Action against the first Indorsee, without Notice, the Plaintiff was nonsuited for his Neglect.

Within what Time a Note ought to be demanded.

The same Term.

Jenkins against Purcel.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

WHILST the Jury were swearing, the Defendant's Council called for the Record, and finding a Mistake in it, said they would make no Defence. The

Practice at Nisi Prius.

Plaintiff's Counsel upon this, in order to avoid a Nonsuit, and to save the Costs, refused to pray a *Tales*, and though twelve had been sworn, yet there having been no actual Prayer of a *Tales*, the Cause was suffered to remain for want of Jurors.

Lindsey against Talbot.

Attorney not
allowed to
give Evidence
against his
Client.

ON a Trial at Bar the Court refused to hear the Evidence of an Attorney, of Matters revealed to him by his Client, and *Trin. 3 George, Astrey against Alsop*, an Attorney turned off by the Plaintiff offered to give Evidence against her; and *Parker* Chief Justice refused to hear him, and reproved him.

Michaelmas, 1704.

Combs against Spencer.

Where Inroll-
ment of a
Deed is Evi-
dence.

HELD by *Trevor* Master of the Rolls, that the Inrollment of a Deed is only for safe Custody, and therefore a Copy of the Inrollment is no Evidence unless the Deed itself be lost.

Easter,

Easter, the ninth of *George*.

Harris *against* The Bishop of Lincoln.

In Chancery.

PAROL Evidence was admitted to prove who was intended by the Description in a Will of the Heir *ex parte* *Martina*. Parol Evidence admitted to explain a Will.

Hilary, 1708.

Kerk *against* Clarke.

In Chancery.

PAROL Evidence was allowed to prove a subsequent Consideration for a voluntary Settlement. And to prove a Consideration.

Hilary, the fifth of *George*, B. R.

The King *against* Holiday.

ON Indictment for a Conspiracy in indicting *A. A.* cannot be a Witness. Conspiracy in indicting *A.* he cannot be a Witness.

Mich. the thirteenth of *George*.

Storey *against* Atkins.

Promissory Note may still be given in Evidence on an *Indebit' Assumpsit*. Promissory Note Evidence on *Indeb' Ass.*

The same Term.

The King *against* Reeks.

How to authenticate an Admission that is not stamp'd at the Time.

UPON a Trial Bar on an Information in Nature of a *Quo warranto*, for the Office of Burgess of *Christ-Church*, the Admission of the Defendant was produced, and it appeared to be a Parchment that had only one Stamp, and yet had five Admissions entered upon it, and in Order to make it good, they had annexed four other Parchments, each of which was stamped; and the Court held that would not make it good, and that the proper way would have been to have paid the four Penalties, and had four new Stamps on the first Parchment, as was done in the Bishop of *Chester's* Case; and for want of this there was a Verdict against the Defendant.

The same Term.

Batson and others *against* Sayer.

In Middlesex, before Raymond Chief Justice, B. R.

There may be a select Vestry, and what is laid only as a Circumstance need not be proved.

IN an Action for a false Return of a *Man-damus* to swear the Plaintiff into the Office of Church-Warden, the Plaintiff set out

out that he was elected, and presented himself to be sworn, but was refused, and the Return to the *Mandamus* was, that he was not elected.

The Chief Justice held, that by Law there may be a select Vestry, and that in this Case the Plaintiff need not prove the presenting himself to be sworn, because that is but a Circumstance, and not to the Point of Truth or Falsity of the Return.

The same Term.

The King *against* Rhodes.

At the Old Bailey.

INDICTMENT for forging a Letter of Attorney, whereby he transferred Mr. *Heysham's* Stock; and Mr. *J. Fortescue* refused to let Mr. *Heysham* be a Witness.

Party whose Name is to a Deed no Witness to prove it a Forgery.

The same Term.

Osborn against The Governor, &c.
of Guy's Hospital.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

THE Plaintiff brought a *Quant' Meruit* for Work and Labour in transacting Mr. *Guy's* Stock Affairs in the Year 1720.

Where a Man does Work in Expectation of a Legacy, he cannot sue It the Executor.

It appeared he was no Broker, but a Friend, and it looked strongly as if he did not expect to be paid, but to be considered for it in his Will; and the Chief Justice directed the Jury, that if that was the Case they could not find for the Plaintiff, though nothing was given him by the Will, for they should consider how it was understood by the Parties at the Time of doing the Business, and a Man who expects to be made amends by a Legacy cannot afterwards resort to his Action.

The same Term.

Burrows against Jemino.

In Chancery.

A Man cannot be sued here on his Acceptance of a Bill of Exchange abroad, after he has been discharged by the Laws of that Country.

A Bill of Exchange was drawn upon the Plaintiff at *Legborne* which he accepted, but by the Law there, if a Bill be accepted, and the Drawer fails, and the Acceptor has not sufficient Effects of the Drawer in his Hands at the Time of the Acceptance, the Acceptance becomes void.

And this happening to be the Plaintiff's Case, in order to discharge himself of this Acceptance he instituted a Suit at *Legborne*, and his Acceptance was thereupon vacated by a Sentence in that Court.

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Afterwards the Plaintiff returned to *England*, and was sued here at Law, upon this Bill; and thereupon he exhibited his Bill in this Court for an Injunction and Relief.

King Lord Chancellor was clearly of Opinion, that this Cause was to be determined according to the local Laws of the Place where the Bill was negotiated: And the Plaintiff's Acceptance of the Bill having been vacated and declared void by a competent Jurisdiction, he thought that Sentence was conclusive and bound the Court of Chancery here: And to this Purpose he instanced the Case of one *Hutchinson*, which was in the 29th of *Car.* 2. and is mentioned in *Show.* 6. where *Hutchinson* having killed a Person in *Spain*, was there prosecuted, tried and acquitted for the Murder, and afterwards returning to *England*, he was indicted again for the same Murder here; to which Indictment he pleaded the Acquittal in *Spain* in Bar; and the Plea was allowed to be a good Bar to any Proceedings here.

And upon the Attorney General's insisting, that the Plaintiff might have taken Advantage of this Matter upon a Trial at Law, and therefore not relievable in a Court of Equity,

The Chancellor declared, that if he was to try the Cause at Law, he would allow

the Plaintiff the Benefit of this Matter upon the Trial; but as other Judges might be of a different Opinion, he would not put the Plaintiff upon the Difficulty and Hazard of a Trial. And he said he remembered a Case which came before him in the Lord Mayor's Court when he was Recorder of the City of *London*; where a Mariner sued in the Admiralty Court for his Wages, and there being a Sentence against him there, he afterwards brought his Action in the Mayor's Court for the same Wages; and his Lordship (as Recorder) being doubtful whether he should allow the Defendant to give the Sentence in the Admiralty Court in Evidence upon *non Assumpsit*, asked the Opinion of Chief Justice *Holt*, who said that whatever defeated the Promise might be given in Evidence on *Non Assumpsit*, and that the Sentence in the Admiralty Court would be good Evidence.

And in this Case a perpetual Injunction was granted to injoin the Defendant from suing upon this Bill. In Chancery, 22d of *November* 1726.

Hilary,

Hilary, the thirteenth of George.

Toms and another against Mytton.

At Westminster, before Raymond.

IN Trover by the Assignees under a Commission against *Albertus Burnaby*, it appeared he was a Bankrupt in *January 1724*, and the Debt of the petitioning Creditor was a Note dated in *September 1725*, and the Chief Justice was of Opinion it was a void Commission, the Acts of a Man after an Act of Bankruptcy being void. So the Plaintiffs were nonsuited.

A Debt contracted after an Act of Bankruptcy, is no ground for a Commission.

The same Term.

Kellock against Robinson.

At Guildhall, before Eyre Chief Justice, C. B.

IN an Action by the Indorsee of a promissory Note against the Indorser, it appeared the Plaintiff had, after the Indorsement, received Part of the Maker of the Note, and it was held to be a taking upon himself to give the whole Credit to the Maker of the Note, and absolutely discharged the Indorser, so the Plaintiff was nonsuited.

Where Part of a Note is received of one liable, another is not to be resorted to for the rest.

Swayne

Swayne and another *against* Wallinger.

Note of above
six Years
standing
ground for
Commission of
Bankruptcy.

A Commission of Bankruptcy issued in 1726, and the Debt of the petitioning Creditor appeared to be a promissory Note in 1714, and the Chief Justice allowed it to be good, saying that though six Years were passed he could not presume it to be barred.

Easter, the thirteenth of *George*.

Warneford *against* Warneford.

In Middlesex, before *Raymond Chief Justice*.

Sealing a
Will is Sign-
ing.

ON an Issue directed out of Chancery, *Deviseavit vel non*, the Chief Justice ruled that Sealing a Will is a Signing within the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries.
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Trinity, the thirteenth of *George*.

Duke of Rutland *against* Hodgson.

The Tender
of Stock must
be at the last
Part of the
Day that it
can be ac-
cepted.

A N Action was brought on a *South-Sea* Contract in these Words, ' I promise
' to pay to the D. of R. ten thousand
' Pounds, upon his transferring to me, or
' my Order, one thousand Pounds Capital
' *South-*

‘ *South-Sea* Stock, some time on or before
‘ the shutting of the Company’s Books for
‘ the next *Christmas* Dividend.’

The Tender and Transfer were made at one, but it being the Day of shutting the Books, there was more Business than could be transacted in the Morning, and therefore the Books were opened in the Afternoon, and several Transfers were made. Upon the Trial of this Cause the Jury found for the Plaintiff. But a new Trial was granted, because after the Transfer was vacated at one, the Defendant might have come and accepted the Stock; and though the general Rule of Law, that Tenders must be at the last Instant of Time, has been broke in upon, and made to relate to the last Part of the Day whereon in these Cases the Act can be done, yet that is only out of Necessity, of which there was none in this Case.

Mich. the first of *George* the Second.

Gee *against* Brown.

At Guildhall, before Eyre Chief Justice, C. B.

IN an Action on an inland Bill of Exchange by Indorsee against Drawer, it appeared the Bill was payable the 14th of Within what Time a Bill must be tendered.
May:

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May : That on a Promise of Payment the Indorsee gave him to the 18th, from thence to the 20th, thence to the 24th, and thence to the 7th of *June*, when the Acceptor failed, and there being no Notice to the Drawer, the Chief Justice held it to be the Loss of the Indorsee.

Hilary, the first of *George* the Second.

Wilson against Poulter.

In Middlesex, before Raymond Chief Justice, B. R.

No Parol Evidence to explain Deposition.

IN Trover the Defendant was charged with his Confession in a Deposition taken before Commissioners of Bankruptcy ; and the Chief Justice refused to let the Defendant in to Parol Evidence to explain it.

Trinity, second of *George* the Second.

Maylin against Eyloe.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

What an Act of Bankruptcy ?

ON the 28th of *November*, *Hall* rode out of Town, and returned in the Evening, before which a Bailiff had been at his Shop to arrest him. The next Morning he sent for the Bailiff, and told him he went out in order to get the Term of the Plaintiff

Plaintiff, and now the Return of the Writ was out, if they would take out a new one he would give Bail, which was done accordingly; and this was held to be an Act of Bankruptcy within 1 *fac.* which speaks of
*' departing from his House with Intent, and
' whereby his Creditors may be defeated or
' delayed from recovering their just Debts.'*

Mich. second of George the Second.

Parker against Godin.

SATUR, a Bankrupt at the Time of his going off, left some Plate with his Wife, who in Order to raise Money upon it delivered it to her Servant, who went along with the Defendant to the Door of Mr. Woodward the Banker, and there the Defendant took the Plate into his Hands, and went into the Shop and pawned it in his own Name, gave his own Note to repay the Money, and immediately upon the Receipt of it went back to the Bankrupt's Wife, and delivered the Money to her. And in Trover for the Plate, the Jury (considering the Defendant acted only as a Friend, and that it would be hard to punish him) found a Verdict for the Defendant. But upon Application to the Court a new Trial

What meddling with the Effects of a Bankrupt is a Conversion.

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was granted upon the Foot of its being an actual Conversion in the Defendant, notwithstanding he did not apply the Money to his own Use; and upon a second Trial the Plaintiff obtained a Verdict for the Value of the Plate.

Mich. second of George the Second.

Garnham against Bennett.

Where Master and Owners of a Ship are both liable for Repairs.

ON a Motion for a new Trial it was held, that *prima facie* the Repairer of a Ship has his Election to sue the Master who employs him, or the Owners. But if he undertakes it on a special Promise from either, the other is discharged.

Hilary, second of George the Second.

Searle against Lord Barrington.

The Indorsement of Interest being paid within twenty Years, shall be given in Evidence, though under the Hand of the Obligee.

THE Plaintiff brought an Action on a Bond entered into, to her Husband, by one *Wildman*, under whom the Defendant claimed, and the Bond was dated the 24th of June 1697. The Defendant pleaded *solvit ad Diem*, and relied upon the Presumption, it being after twenty Years; to

encounter which, the Plaintiff at the first Trial of the Cause, which was in *Trinity 10 Geo. 1.* offered to give in Evidence the Indorsement of Interest under the Hand of the Obligee in the Year 1707, which was three Years before the Death of the Obligor. But *Pratt* Chief Justice, before whom it was tried, being of Opinion it ought not to be given in Evidence, from the Danger of letting the Obligee make Indorsements, which might be done at any Time; the Plaintiff was nonsuit, and afterwards moved the Court, against the Opinion of the Chief Justice; and upon Debate the other three Judges were of Opinion it ought to have been left to the Jury, for they might have Reason to believe it was done with the Privity of the Obligor; and the constant Practice is for the Obligee to indorse the Payment of Interest, and that for the Sake of the Obligor, who is safer by such an Indorsement than by taking a loose Receipt. But an Objection arising, that after a Nonsuit the Plaintiff was out of Court, and could not have a new Trial, no Rule was made, but she was left to bring a new Action.

Accordingly a new Action was brought, and tried at *Guildhall*, before Chief Justice *Raymond*, who suffered the Indorsement to be read, and the Jury found for the Plaintiff.

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tiff. The Defendant tendered a Bill of Exceptions which was sealed, and after Judgment for the Plaintiff a Writ of Error was brought in the Exchequer Chamber, and the Bill of Exceptions returned as Parcel of the Record. And upon Argument, Chief Justice *Eyre*, Chief Baron *Pengelly*, the Justices *Denton*, *Hale* and *Price* were of Opinion to affirm, and the Justices *Carter* and *Comyns* to reverse. So the Judgment of the King's Bench was affirmed this Term.

N. B. Hilary, 13 Geo. 1. In the King's Bench *Turner* against *Crisp*, the Chief Justice refused to let the Indorsement of a Receipt of Part of the Bond, after the Presumption had taken Place, to be given in Evidence, saying it differed from this Case, where the Indorsement appeared to be made before it could be thought necessary to be made use of to encounter the Presumption.

The same Term.

Coleman against Sayer.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

Within what
Time a Bill
must be ten-
dered.

A Bill was drawn payable at six Days Sight, and presented and accepted the eighth

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eighth of *February*, which made it payable the 14th, and the three Days of Grace brought it to the 17th, which was a *Saturday*, and the Acceptor stopt Payment on the *Tuesday* following, before which the Bill was not tendered.

And upon this Evidence it was left to the Jury, who were of Opinion that the Drawer was discharged at the End of the three Days of Grace.

Easter, second of *George* the Second.

Jones against Mason.

At Nisi Prius in Middlesex, before Raymond Chief Justice.

J. W. of H. in Middlesex, (who had been convicted for Forgery) was a subscribing Witness to a Bond, and on producing the Record of his Conviction, the Plaintiff was allowed to prove his Hand as if dead. If the Witness to a Deed becomes infamous, he is to be considered as dead.

Mich. second of *George* the Second.

Le Glise against Champante.

At Guildhall.

THE Plaintiff brought an Action against the Defendant, who was a Custom-house Where probable Cause is not sufficient.

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house Officer, for seizing several Hogsheads of *French Wine*, upon Pretence of their being Lees, which upon an Information in the Exchequer, had been determined against the Officer; and now upon Debate it was held, that in these Cases the Officer seizes at his Peril, and that a probable Cause is no Defence.

Where another Partner must be pleaded in abatement.

It appeared on the Evidence, that the Plaintiff had a Partner in these Wines who was no Party to the Action; and the Chief Justice held, that if it was in an *Assumpsit* it might be taken Advantage of at the Trial, for it would not be the same Contract; but it ought to be pleaded in Abatement in the Case of a *Tort*.

Hilary, second of *George* the Second.

Field *against* Curtis.

Bankrupt cannot prove Act of Bankruptcy.

HELD that the Release of the Bankrupt will not make him a Witness to prove the Act of Bankruptcy.

Hilary,

Hilary, third of George the Second.

*Coleman and another against Mawby
and another.*

UPON executing a Writ of Inquiry before the Chief Justice, the Plaintiff could not prove the Quantity of the Goods, for which the Action was brought, for want of a Servant who was absent, through an Apprehension they should not want his Testimony. And upon Consideration the Chief Justice held, that he might adjourn it to the next Sittings, and accordingly the Jury were adjourned over, the Plaintiff submitting to pay Costs: He compared it to the Case of a Coroner's Inquest or a Commission of Lunacy, where the Jury are adjourned over several Times, it being but an Inquest of Office.

Execution of
a Writ of In-
quiry may
be adjourned
after it is en-
tered upon.

The same Term.

Castell against Bambridge.

IT was ruled that a Quaker could not be a Witness in an Appeal of Murder.

Quaker no
Witness in
Appeal.

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Trinity,

*Trinity, fourth of George the Second.**Slater against Swan.**At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.*

On not Guilty for beating a Horse, Defendant may justify in Evidence.

ACTION upon the Case, for that the Plaintiff was possessed of an Horse and Cart, and Defendant so violently beat the Horse that the Plaintiff was deprived of the Use of his Cart and Horse for several Days.

The Defendant pleaded Not guilty, and the Chief Justice allowed him to give in Evidence a Justification for beating the Horse, (*viz.*) That the Plaintiff put his Cart before Defendant's Door, and prevented a Cart Defendant had hired, from coming to take his Goods; and therefore he whip'd the Horse to remove the Cart; and said this differed from *Trespass Vi & Armis*, for assaulting a Man, where the Assault is a Cause of Action; but here the Assault on the Horse is no Cause of Action, unless accompanied with a special Damage, and therefore he left it to the Jury on the Question, Whether the Defendant did any more than was necessary to remove the Horse and Cart from his Door, or beat the Horse immoderately? and they found
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for the Defendant. He said if a Hackney Coach stands before a Tradesman's Door, and hinders Customers, he may lawfully take hold of the Horse and lead him away.

The same Term.

King *against* Wilson.

At Guildhall.

IT was held by Lord Chief Justice Raymond, that a Parol Promise to pay the Debt of another in Consideration of Forbearance, was void by the Statute of Frauds and Perjuries. The Statute of Frauds and Perjuries makes a parol Promise to pay another's Debt void.

The same Term.

Child and another *against* Hardyman.

At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.

ACTION for Linen sold to the Defendant's Wife; upon *Non Ass.* the Delivery was proved, and the Defendant proved that she had lived in a very lewd Manner, one Mr. Not frequently coming to her at her Husband's House, and were locked up together. What Elopement prevents the Husband's being charged with Debts contracted by the Wife.

together in a Bed-Chamber, and other Indecencies passed between them. And it was also proved, that she several Times went to the House of this *Not*, a Gentleman in *Wiltshire*, who lived within three Miles of the Defendant's House; it did not appear further than that he disliked her going and staying at Mr. *Not*'s; but under these Circumstances they continued to live together; afterwards, on the 18th of *October* 1726, she went away from him, and went to *Marlborough*, where she resided for some Time. But after the leaving her Husband's House it did not appear that she ever saw Mr. *Not*, or lived in a lewd Manner; but after some Time she sent an Attorney to her Husband to desire that he would receive her again; the Husband told him, that if she came again she should never sit at the upper End of his Table, nor have the Government of the Children, but should live in a Garret. Then the Attorney proposed to him to make her an Allowance, and proposed about eighty or one hundred Pounds *per Ann.* he being worth about five or six hundred Pounds *per Ann.* but that was not complied with, and afterwards she came to *London*, and bought the Linen to the Amount of fifty-three Pounds.

Chief

Chief Justice was of Opinion that the Plaintiff should be called, and accordingly he was nonsuited.

He held if a Woman elopes from her Husband, though she does not go away with an Adulterer, or in an adulterous Manner, the Tradesman trusts her at his Peril, and the Husband is not bound; and this has been so adjudged in two or three Cases.

Indeed if he refuse to take her again, from that Time it may be an Answer to the Elopement. But in this Case he does not absolutely refuse to receive her again, but that she should neither sit at his Table, nor have any Government of the Children, but should be kept in a Garret; and she deserves no better Usage. And the Plaintiff was nonsuit.

Easter, fourth of George the Second.

Medlicot's Case.

In Chancery.

A Commission of Bankruptcy was super-
feded, because granted upon the Pe-
tition of an Assignee of a Bond, who, though
he is an equitable, yet is no legal Creditor.

Assignee of a
Bond cannot
be petitioning
Creditor.

Trinity,

*Trinity, fifth of George the Second.**The King against Hudson.**At Guildhall, before Raymond Chief Justice.*

Where the
Original of a
Way is ac-
counted for,
the Prescrip-
tion is de-
stroyed.

ON an Information for stopping up a common Foot-way, the Prosecutor proved that it had been a common Passage under the Defendant's House as far back as any Witnesses could remember. But the Defendant producing a Lease made for fifty-six Years of this way, to the Intent it might be a Passage during the Term, and the Term expiring in 1728, the Chief Justice held the Defendant Not guilty: And as to the leaving it open since, he said that would not be long enough to amount to a Gift of it to the Publick.

*The same Term.**Lowfield against Bancroft and others.**At Guildhall.*

The Damages
cannot be gi-
ven separately
against seve-
ral Defen-
dants.

IN an Action for a malicious Prosecution the Jury would have found eight hundred Pounds Damages against one Defendant, and one hundred Pounds against each of the others; but the Chief Justice saying it could
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not be done, the Jury gave a general Verdict for eleven hundred Pounds.

Hoar against Dacosta.

WOODWARD's Note was paid to the Plaintiff at twelve on the *Friday*, who put it into the Bank at one, and the next Morning at ten the Runner of the Bank carried it to the Shop, with other Notes, to the Value of two thousand six hundred Pounds, and left them (as usual) to call again for the Money: He called at eleven, and they said their Servant was gone to the Bank; he called again at two, and they said they were going to shut up, and refused to pay, but paid small Notes for two Hours, and then stop'd; and the next Morning Notice was given to the Defendant, who had paid the Note to the Plaintiff; and now in an Action for the Money, the Question was, Whether this was Payment to the Plaintiff? It was insisted for the Defendant, that he should not suffer by the Plaintiff's paying it into the Bank, who sent it with other Notes; whereas if the Note had been tendered by itself it would have been paid.

Within what Time a Goldsmith's Note must be demanded.

E contra it was objected and insisted, that if there had been no Demand, there would have been no Laches, being within
a Day

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